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Tomorrow

More people are playing chess and more watching it being played than ever before. In Saturday, a former British chess champion reports on the grand prix chess circuit and the build-up to the next world championships. Also in the eight-page arts and leisure section are features on Travel: The call of the wild in Alaska; Values; How to buy your boliday luggage: Drink: Alsace wines, and news and views of the forthcoming week's events in the arts.

£200m for computer industry

The Government is to help the computer industry develop new. "more intelligent" computers, in a programme that will cost up to £200m over five years and is designed to prevent Britain falling behind Japan and the United States Back page

CND poll check

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is to appoint a full-time worker for the general election campaign who will draw up a register of all candidates views on nuclear weapons

Stiffer sentence

General Alfonso Armada, who was sentenced to six year's imprisonment for his part in the unsuccessful Spanish coup in February, 1981, had his senience increased to the maximum 30 years by the Spanish Supreme Court Page 8



Nicaragua anger President Reagan's four-point proposal for Central America was denounced in Managua, where the Sandista authorities called on the people to take part in armed street marches

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Harrods claim

Professor Roland Smith, chairman of the House of Fraser, claims that an independent pension fund report challenges Lonrho's argument that shareholders risk nothing by demerging Harrods

Gdansk arrest

Gdansk police detained Mrs Bozena Rybicka, Mr Lech Walesa's secretary, and searched her flat. Her husband said the was stopped when she left Mr Walesa's home Ideology clash, page 9

Schoolboys die

Two boys aged 15 were found dead in a shed in Weston-super-Mare, Avon. The father of one said he had heard that police had taken away samples of a

Teachers' jobs

Seven thousand teachers' jobs could be lost in 1983-84 but colleges of further education expect to employ 1,000 new lecturers in the next 12 months

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Thatcher urged to end speculation before local polling

There is a growing belief in some quarters of the Conserva-tive Party that the Prime adjustment must be made to Minister has mishandled public speculation over the date of the general election and so narrowed rather than widened her room for manoeuvre.
The particular complaint,

voiced both by some who want a June election and some who prefer October or later, is that expectation has been encouraged that an announcement of some kind is to be made in the next ten days or so, once the results of the English and Welsh district elections next Thursday have been assessed.

If that proves true, the party fears that Mrs Margaret Thatch-er will have needlessly exposed herself to a charge of cowardice or opportunism or both, what-ever decision she then makes. Several ministers, including

some who have her ear, now say that the Prime Minister can only avoid this trap by stating her intentions before the local election results have been

Backbench Conservatives on either side of the argument for and against a June election have expressed opinions on these lines to their whips in the course of this week.

Central to their argument is the view that the local elections are unlikely to convey any clear message. The assessment exermessage. The assessment exercise carried out by Conservative Central Office is a daunting one.

Speaking at the Cutlers' Feast in Sheffield last night, the Prime Minister said that things were Central Office is a daunting one, with votes being cast in 12,000 different wards.

Local government elections produce a far lower turn-out than general elections, with

Mr Justice Woolf ruled that

in some circumstances supply

of A Guide to Self-Deliverance

deter someone from committing

The ruling, which the judge said either side could appeal

criminal prosecution over the booklet which has been linked

But Miss Barbara Smoker,

committee, said:

chairman of the society's

I do not think we would be

to at least 15 deaths.

ended in deadlock.

British Caledonian, conspired

to drive him out of business.

adjustment must be made to measure the true Conservative strength, but no one knows what that adjustment should be.

Other allowaces have to be made for the greater importance of a candidate's personal qual-ities in local elections and the greater number of real or notional independent candi-

In all, the most skilful analysis of next week's results is unlikely to tell the Prime Minister anything certain, and her decision whether to go to the country in June will have to be based on her wider political

judgment.
Difficult though that jud-gment may be, Mrs Thatcher's supporters believe that she has everything to gain by making and announcing a decision in

They expect her to base that decision on a cool calculation of when she would have the best chance of winning, but they want her also to have some chance of pretending more disinterested motives.

Meanwhile the ranks of Conservatives who favour delay appear to have grown this week with the growing belief that real economic recovery may have

looking up and invited her hosts to look forward to the future

She cited the evidence of confidence in the most recent

Judge refuses ban

on suicide booklet

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Society formetly known as ecution as such although we EXIT, intends to continue to would be frightened of a case supply its suicide bookiet after a hand-picked by the police to High Court judge yesterday show its training to the police to

High Court judge yesterday show us up in a bad light; we act refused to grant the Attorney for the benefit of people and General a declaration that its cannot afford that sort of wrong

Voluntary Euthanasia frightened of a criminal pros-

survey by the Confederation of British Industry, and the "excellent" first quarter results from ICI, with profits up from £62m to £128m. Even steel pro-duction was recovering. Mrs Thatcher said, and things were moving ahead. In the Commons Mr Leon

Brittan, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said that in recent weeks there had been a number of encouraging indicators pointing to modest economic recovery. They included evidence of higher manufacturing production and total output and substantial improvement in business confidence, which was at its highest level since 1976.

Mr Robin Cook, an opposition Treasury spokesman, accused Mr Brittan of smug satisfaction at the ruin which his policies had wrought on British industry.

At Prime Minister's Ouestion Time the preelection sparring wazed hot. The Opposition accused Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, of trying to smear leaders for Campaign Nuclear

The Prime Minister, in an argument about rates, declared that Labour-controlled lacal authorities were "very big spenders of other people's money"

Mr Michael Foot, stopped her short by asking how much rates had increased in true-Blue Surrey. They were much too high in Surrey, Mrs Thatcher

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ICI boosts hopes on

The stock market surged to within a fraction of its record high yesterday is the leaders of Britain's biggest industrial companies confirmed that the economy is on the mend and the Prime Mnister forecast ower interest rates.
At its peak in early afternoon

the FT ordinary index was 3.6 points up at 702.6 after ICI astonished even the most optimisitic forecasters with profits for the first three months of the year which had more than doubled.

Mr John Harvey-Jones, ICI chairman, reported that the company made £128m between January and March against just £62m in the early part of 1982. But profit-taking damped down the cuphoria in late dealings and at the close the market had slipped back to 696.8, down 2.2 on the day. In the Commons. Mrs

Thatcher said that real interest

rates should decline in the wake of further falls in the rate of

Taking its cue from the Prime

Minister and the recent strength

of sterling the Bank of England inveiled a new £1 billion index-

linked gilt stock, which the City immediately dubbed "election

tap" because it has been

constructed in such a way as to

be attractive even if there were

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a change of government.

The Attorney General's

wish", she said. Although the society had raised £14,000 from its members for a fighting fund, the judge yesterday ordered the Attorney General to bear both "Obviously we do not want to break the law in this matter. But

ing a suicide. But he would not "in all probability" the society make a blanket declaration would continue to supply the which would effectively amount booklet. But she added that it might It would be wrong, he said, broaden the undertaking that for the civil court to usurp the recipients have to give, to the task of a jury in a criminal court effect that they had no immediand declare what conduct was ate intention of taking their

attempt to ban the booklet has failed and the society now calls upon the Government to against, opens the way for Sir amend the law to allow those Michael Havers QC, the who are incurably ill or disabled Attorney General, to bring a to take their own lives if they

Welcoming the judge's ruling that publication was not illegal in itself and that the booklet would amount to a criminal "provides a satisfactory treat-offence under the Suicide Act ment of the subject which 1961, which prohibits aiding, would not be easy to improve abetting, counselling or procurupon", Miss Smoker said that

criminal. Each case would have fives. "It would seem that we to be decided on its facts. Far can supply the booklet to those from precipitating a suicide, the we know have no present booklet might in some cases intention to commit suicide.

sides' costs in the case.

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economy

en route to Beirst from Jerusalem that Mr Shultz expects to have about 10 meetings over the next two weeks with Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime "I am here to bring these

negotiations closer to a successhelp in the process of working out an agreement for the leaving of all foreign forces from Lebanon," Mr Shultz said on landing at the heavily guarded Beirut airport. He intends to shuttle between the Israeli and Lebanese capitals until the basis of an agreement

> is reache Mr Shultz flew by helicopter to see the devastation at the American Embassy in West Beirut which was badly damaged by a powerful bomb explosion on April 18. A British Embassy official

said that some American Embassy officials now are

working out of the British away, guarded by four armoured marine vehicles. Mr Shultz then drove to the

presidential palace in the suburb of Banbda, southeast of Beirut, for his meeting with Mr Amin Gemayel, the Lebanese President and Mr Elie Salem. Foreign Minister. He was accompained by Mr Philip Habib, the special American envoy to the Middle East, and by Mr Morris Draper, the chief American negotiator at the troop withdrawal talks between Lebanon, Israel and the United

After the meeting Mr Shultz said: "This has been a very rewarding day.... And of course a moving day in visiting our employees at the American Embassy and seeing that sight, and rewarding in talking with President Gemayel and Foreign Minister Elie Salem

full review of all the issues here just as we did in Israel. I can see that there are quite a number of difficult issues. At least I think we can now have some sense of definition of

Mr Robert Dillan, US Ambassador to Beirut, pointing out the Embassy bomb damage to

Syria blamed for deadlock as Shultz shuttle begins

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State held five-hour talks at the hilltop Presidential palace in eastern Beirut yesterday in a Middle East peace mission which is emerging as a high-level negotiating shuttle. United States officials revealed on poster to Palent form

and their colleagues."

He added: "We had a very

Earlier, Mr Salem told a

group of reporters that Lebanon refused to sign an agree-ment with Israel that could in any way harm its relations with the Arabs and specifically with

He also acknowledged that the future status of Major Sand Haddad, the renegade Lebanese Army commander whose militie in South Lebanon is backed by Israel, remained a sticking point in the nego-tiations. He said another stumbling block was the issue of joint Lebanese-Israeli patrols in South Lebanon. He said that Lebanon would

in any joint committee estab-lished with Israel to oversee the terms of a withdrawal agreement, saying Israel does not want Americans on all of the proposed supervising bodies. The negotiations have been

dragging on for the past four months and any optimism expressed by cither the Lebanese or Israeli side in the past few weeks has now been dampened by the tough stance ment. American officials said privately the Syrian position appears aimed at blocking an

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Navy will stop relatives at sea

By Henry Stanhope

Diplomatic Correspondent Britain has warned Senor Osvaldo Destefanis, who is threatening to take a boatload of Argentines to visit soldiers' graves on the Falkland Islands. that they will not be allowed to

Senor Destefanis says the ship will sail tomorrow, although the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has withdrawn its support. But the Foreign Office. in its sternest declaration so far on the issue, said last night that there could be no question of the British Government granting access to the disputed

Officials would not elaborate but the clear inference is that Royal Navy ships patrolling a 150-mile exclusion zone around the Falklands would turn away the Argentine vessel.

The Foreign Office statement said that Whitehall was still receiving reports that Senor Destefanis was persisting with his plans, despite the ICRC's view that these were "contrary to the prinicple of neutrality" which the Red Cross was called upon to defend.

The Government had insisled all along that it had no objection to a visit provided that it was organized by the JCRC as a purely humanitarian enture, but the arrangements made by Senor Destefanis had been judged unacceptable by the ICRC for reasons of principle". It was therefore unacceptable to the British Government

Whitehall still hopes that the relatives will not sail tomorrow as planned, because it would be extremely embarrassing if the Royal Navy had to be seen refusing passage to a party of mourners.

Senor Destefanis himself had promised that he would avoid any confrontation and would hold a service at sea outside the 150-mile limit if barred from sailing further.

But even this would be seen as unwelcome publicity for

Police raids 'breached the law'

The Home Secretary last night published a unique report from the Police Complaints Board, which drew attention to grave and exceptional circumstances surrounding the 1981 police raids in Railton Road. Brixton, south L. (Anthony Bevins writes).

The undated report, delivered to Mr Whitelaw last year, said that the board had been concerned with "breaches of the law" and "the implication that the unprofessional conduct of officers engaged on that operation could be a reflection of their conduct of less sensitive

Police consider kidnap charges

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Mrs Shirley Goodwin, the London woman held for almost a week by alleged kidnappers seeking a £50,000 ransom, was yesterday reported to be physically as the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said, still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said, still week on her pins".

News of her release was pesterday reported to be physically as the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said, still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said, still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. Still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. Still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. Still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. Still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. Still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. Still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. Still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. Still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. Still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. Still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. She was also, he said. Still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. Still the family solicitor said: "She was also, he said. She was also, he sai

cally unharmed but exhausted after her release on Wednesday. Last night Scotland Yard Mitcham, south London, still in taken from his cell at detectives were understood to the night dress and dressing be drawing up charges against gown in which she disappeared three men held in a police on Thursday evening last week. operation involving 120 officers She was helped into Mitcham and a news blackout. For the police station shortly after 11 second time this year London pm by a passerby. police have ended an alleged. Mr Gordon sai

Mrs Goodwin, aged 40, was found wandering in the street in

Mr Gordon said Mrs Goodkidnapping, freeing the victims win, the mother of three Goodwin had been advising his and making arrests without any children, was at first "in a family and the police in the dazed and mentally battered As Mrs Goodwin, freed late condition. She is now more

who is in prison. Early yesterday morning Mr Goodwin was Wandsworth Prison and connected by telephone with his wife at Scotland Yard. The couple spoke for 15 minutes and Mr Goodwin was said to be relieved by his wife's release.

During the past week Mr handling of the kidnapping and negotiations. Yesterday Scoton Wednesday night, spent composed mentally but is land Yard said they were still most of yesterday resting in bed extremely tired and not able to searching for two men

Nazi 'fake factory' denied

From Michael Binyon

East Germany refused yester-day to be drawn into the Hitler diaries controversy, and denied accusations that a Potsdam factory was turning out forged Nazi documents. The publication of the diaries in the West German magazine Stern has led to a fierce debate over their authenticity and to reports of an East German factory.

The Foreign Ministry in East Berlin said: "We have nothing to do with the Hitler diaries affair and their publication in Stern.

Several left-wing West German commentators have attacked the publication of the diaries on the ground that they will inevitably lead to a new

The Greens party said irrespective of whether the diaries were genuine, their only aim was to whitewash Hitler. "It is our task to oppose this falsification of history with all our Frau Manon Maren-Grisebach, the chairman, said.

Frenchmen hanged in Zimbabwe

From Stephen Taylor Harare

Frenchmen. mercenaries in the Rhodesian forces, were hanged at dawn here yesterday for the murder of a case owner in 1981. The hangings went ahead in spite of appeals by the French Government for clemency and three recent meetings between French and Zimbabwean officials both here and in Paris. Gevais Boutanquoi, who was

34, and Simon Chemouil. aged 29, were the first whites to be executed since Zimbabwe's independence three years ago. Only two other men of about twenty senienced to death in that time have been hanged.

The remainder had their sentences commuted to life imprisonment by President Canaan Banana. Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, has frequently expressed opposition to capital

punishment but in October last

year two black men convicted of murder and robbery went to the gallows. Boutanquoi and Chemouil were found guilty in the High Court 14 months ago of stabbing and shooting Herr Erhard Kraft, a cafe owner in the northern town of Karoi, and

robbing him of about \$Z800

Murder planned: Confirming the hanging a Justice Ministry spokesman recalled that the two bad planned the murder of Herr Kraft in order to rob him, AFP reports.

The two men and two other French former mercenaries sentenced to lesser penalties in connexion with the killing came to what was then Rhodesia in 1977 to fight for the white minority regime

They were part of an 80strong French-speaking mercenary unit of the Rhodesian Army that was dissolved in 1978

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Anglo-US Laker talks end in deadlock

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

and American officials over a trust law to the United Kinglegal dispute arising from the dom-United States air services collapse of Laker Airways have agreement". The talks related to a Justice back to London on Wednesday, retary at the Department of

The British delegation flew Department investigation into and the British Government charges by Sir Freddie Laker will now consider what steps to applicability of US anti-trust that seven leading airlines, take. No date for further talks law including British Airways and has been set.

United States between British applicability of American antipipeline dispute.

The British Government has protested about the investigation, and its team. led by Mr Handley Stevens, Under-Sec-Trade, has argued against the

The Justice Department has Diplomatic sources here said refused to comment publicly on that the investigation was the case, but the investigation to drive him out of business. that the investigation was the case, but the investigation The British Embassy in straining Anglo-American rewards washington said yesterday that lations. In the British view, the talks "failed to resolve the issue involved the same kind of British assets in the United to resolve the same kind of British assets in the United the same kind of British assets in the United the same kind of British assets in the United the same kind of British assets in the United the same kind of British assets in the United the same kind of British assets in the United the same kind of British assets in the case, but the investigation was the case, but the investigation could lead to charges and financial assets and financial assets are same kind of British assets and the case, but the investigation could lead to charges and financial assets are same kind of British assets in the United British assets are same kind of British assets and British assets are same kind of British assets are same kind disagreements between the extra-territorial concerns which States. These could have

two airlines, officials said. A private civil case has also been filed in Washington by the insolvent Laker Airways. accusing the seven airlines of forcing Sir Freddie's leading creditors to cut off funds to him by threatening them with a big loss of business.

■ There is provision in the air services treaty between the United States and Britain for invoking outside arbitration in unresolved disputes, Derek Harris writes,

Two days of talks in the British and the US about the arose during the Soviet gas scrious adverse effects on the

The Government has tried to make amends for the unjust execution of a knight more than 600 years ago. An exact reproduction of Sir Simon Burley's bedroom complete with bed, stool, chest, coat and helmet, behind glass in a section of the Tower of London never before opened to the public.

The wall walk will go on view without extra charge next Thursday after an official opening by the Queen on Wednesday, when the whole tower will be closed for the day. The walk round the eastern heights will ease crowding and help the tower to stay a top attraction for tourists.

The tower attracted about two million visitors last year, compared witharound three million in the jubilee year of 1977, and brought in more than £5.3m for the Government. Sir Simon was chosen by the Black Prince as tutor for the future Richard II. He wa the first man to be executed on Tower Hill after being "falsly accused," the tower authorities

London hostel for refugees

A residential hostel for people seeking political asylum in Britain was opened in London yesterday by Dr David Owen, of the Social Democratic

Party.

The centre, in Fairmount Road, Brixton, was established by a group of refugee organizations with the approval of the Home Office. Its object is to provide accommodation and practical help for refugees, many of whom would otherwise be sent to remand centres

Court rejects band ban

Grimsby magistrates yesterday overturned a council decision to ban weekly practices of the Boys and Girls Brigade band and awarded the musicians £1,000 costs.

Grimsby council stopped the sessions in January after a resident had complained that the noise from the Wellington Street practice room upset his wife. The band appealed and after listening for an hour to rehearsals also near the neighbour's house to assess noise, the magistrates came down on the side of the band.

Container ship conversion

The Royal Navy is to convert the 27,867-ton container ship Astronomer into a carrier for helicopters, probably in the

The merchant vessel, which has seen service in the South Atlantic, has been chartered by the Navy. It is in Cammell Laird's Birkenhead shipyard waiting to be fitted with a 1,000ton prefabricated flight deck and hangar, being leased from the United States Navy.

Theatre sold for £420,000

The Playhouse Theatre in Edinburgh will be sold to a consortium of businessmen for £420,000, the city council decided vesterday. A Conservative motion was carried by 31

votes to 30. The consortium is headed by Mr Edward Ramsay, a property manager. Gertrude Barton, a Labour councillor, described the sale as "municipal asset stripping of the most vulgar

Job hunters

The number of new Cambridge University graduates who were still seeking work at the end of last year was the highest on record. Cambridge University Careers Service gives the total as 190, or 8 per cent of those whose destinations were known, compared with 168, or 7 per cent in 1981. Women fared worse than men, as in the two previous years - with 10 per cent still seeking

Murder charge

Robert William Waldron, aged 37, unemployed, of Compton Way, Everton, will appear before Liverpool magistrates today, charged with murdering Andrew Waldron, aged five, his nephew.

Invincible back

The carrier Invincible, with Prince Andrew on board returned to Portsmouth yesterday after three months on exercises in the Caribbean and

Correction

The cost to the Transglobe Expedition for the crossing of the Arctic Ocean through the North Pole was £15,000, not £5m, as suggested in a news report on April 18.

Labour hard left to organize separate election campaign

By Authory Bevins, Political Correspondent

its own campaign for the next 276 party members. general election.

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the Greater London Council, and Mr Reginald Race, be bridged." MP for Haringey Wood Green, announced at a Commons press conference that a new Labour

companies and the renationalization of industry which had amounts to an accommodation been hived off by the Conserva-with the witch-hunters'. tives, "with compensation only on grounds of proven need". Both these policies have been included in the election mani-

Labour's socialist policies to be cannot win".

clearly stated in the Labour

Party's official campaign docualliance" of coal, steel and rail ment and manifesto, and that unions fed election fever yesterthe party as a whole campaigns for them. We will campaign ourselves on the basis of these

Mr Race said last night that up to 20 Labour MP's had been involved in the creation of the group, but he refused to identify

Mrs Helen John, one of the founders of the Greenham Common peace camp and a sponsor of the new campaign, said yesterday that she would not now be standing against Mr James Callaghan, in Cardiff South-east, in spite of the fact hat he would "not be campaigning on Labour Party policy".

But she did say that other Greenham women, Women for Life on Earth, would be standing against Labour candidates who did not support unilateral nuclear disarmament. "We are supporting Socialists for a Labour Victory inasmuch as we are supporting unilateralist candidates", she explained.

The threat 10 party unity Coordinating Committee, to be withdrawn.

Labour's hard left yesterday announce the publication of an gave notice that it will organize appeal for unity sponsered by

They said: "Without some give and take on both sides, the division within the party cannot

The latest newsletter form the Campaign for Labour Party Democracy went even further, splinter group. Socialists for a saying: "Our joint initiative is Labour Victory, was starting clearly unacceptable both to assist the election of a extremist "moderates" and the extremist 'left'. Ken Livingstone majority Labour Government has already wehemently denounced it. He claims that 'the The policies listed included CLPD and the LCC want to the nationalization of the top 25 bend over and kits the boot of companies and the apparationalis. Golding' and that our proposal

"Those whose actions risk splitting the party and handing over the general election to the Tories and the Liberal SDP Alliance must be isolated, and The group's recruiting leaflet, brought to their senses before it which has been sent out to is too late. Above all, Labour constituency parties, said: "We must regain its credibility as a will demand and campaign for united party, without which we

> day with an appeal to more than half a million state industry workers to vote Labour (Our Labour Editor writes).

Mr James Knapp, the new left-wing general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said that the 120 delegates to a special conference of the unions at TUC headquarters in London had agreed to work for the return of a Labour govern-

The unions agreed a ninepoint programme of cooperation to press for increased government spending on the basic nationalized industries

The Wales TUC, which starts its annual conference in Cardiff today, is likely to give its full backing to the Labour Party's national economic assessment with its implied wage restraint (Our Labour Reporter writes).

The delegates, who represent 630,000 trade unionists - about two thirds of the Welsh workforce - may be faced with a posed by the new hard left left-wing emergency motion campaign was also underlined from Merthyr Trades Council by another press conference, calling for a ban on pay talks organized by the left-wing with any government. The Campaign for Labour Party general council was hoping last Democracy and the Labour night that the resolution would

Poll deposit protest by ecologists

By Hugh Clayton **Environment Correspondent**

The Ecology Party yesterday condemned the increase from £150 to £1,000 in parliamentary election deposits which has been recommended by the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs. The party, which is the British equivalent of the West German Greens, expects to lose all of its deposits at the

next general election. It has selected candidates for 92 constituencies and expects to fight about one hundred even if the election is held in June. In the general election in 1979 it stood in 53 constituencies and lost all of its deposits with an average share of the vote in

those seats of 1.6 per cent.

The party, which has about 4,500 members, is pursuing a lonely parliamentary road among environmental groups, which claim that the change is which claim that the changes it seeks can be won only by direct action and protest. The party also fights local elections and has one seat on Cornwall County Council and a few places on district and parish

councils. It rejects economic growth as a cure for the ills of society and wants industrial activity to be tied to careful control over the use of resources like oil, timber

and land. The requirements to stand for election to other parliaments

West Germany: No deposit required. Individual candidates for the Bundestag have to provide the signatures of 200 people from within their own constituency. If candidates gain 10 per cent of the light years cert of the first votes cast or 0.5 per cent of the second votes cast they are repaid the costs of their election campaign at a rate of DM 3.50 (about £1) for each

person entitled to vote.
France: Candidates have to provide a deposit of 1.000 francs (about £86) returnable if they poll at least 5 per cent of the votes cast in either the first or second ballot. United States: No deposit required.
Australia: A \$100 (about £55)
deposit required, refundable if the
candidate is elected or if he gains

more than one fifth the number of votes obtained by the winner.

Canada: A \$200 (about £104) deposit required.

European Parliament: In accordance with the European Assembly

Act, passed by the British Parlia-ment, British candidates have to put up a deposit of £600.

HUNTSMANS

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defence plan By Nichelas Timmins The Government yesterday published regulations imposing new obligations on local authorities to plan for civil defence and take part in exercises such as last year's ill-fated Operation Hard Rock. The regulations were greeted as "one of the biggest deceits ever practised on the people of this country" by Mr William Risby, Chairman of the group

Councils to

fight civil

of 154, mainly Labour, nuclearfree zones. The nuclear-free local authorities would put up "the biggest possible resistance within the law", he said, Mr Simon Turney, chairman of the Greater London Council's pub-lic services committee, added that the GLC would be "Totally unscrupulous" in using the courts to hamper implemen-

tation of the regulations.

It was legal opinion sought by the GLC which in part led to the Government having to redraft the regulations after last year's civil defence exercise was cancelled when more than 20 county councils refused to take

The new regulations obliged county councils and the GLC to make plans, train staff, organize voluteers, provide control centres and take part in exercises, and to implement plans when directed to do so. Councils will be expected to assist, and ministers will have powers to

direct them to do so.

The number of control centres is to be roughly doubled. Two main changes from the draft regulations are that local authorities will no longer have to plan to evacuate all or part of their populations. They will however, have to plan to billet the homeless.

Central government grants for training and exercising staff and volunteers, and for communications equipment, are to be raised from 75 per cent to 100 per cent.

Mr Risby said that the nuclear-free authorities had been given an undertaking by Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Opposition, that Labour would oppose the new regulations.

Defence choice

Mr Michael Foot yesterday appointed Mr Pat Duffy, a supporter of multilateral dis-armament, to his front bench team of spokesmen on defence. His return to the front bench after two-and-a-half years was causing interest among Labour MPs, especially after the ap-pointment last week of Mr Roland Moyle to replace Mr Denzil Davies, a confirmed unilateralist, as the number two defence spokesman to Mr John Silkin. Mr Davis has become Welsh spokesman.

London fares cuts of 25% planned By John Witherow

Record trim: Mr Gerry Harley shaving soldiers during his attempt in Gillingham, Kent, yesterday to better his 1981 record of 845 shaves an hour. His new total was 987 in an hour. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

travel on both bus and underground trains. This move comes after a decision by the Greater London Council's transport and finance committee on Wednesday to increase the subsidy to London Transport by almost £100m to £235m for the present financial ayear.

Although that subsidy contra-venes the new Transport Act, which sets a ceiling for grants to passenger transport, the GLC does not expect legal action similar to that which ended its "Fare's Fair" policy. Bus and Tube fares doubled 14 months ago after the Law Lords ruled in favour of Bromley Borough Council which had objected to ratepayers financing the fare

The GLC maintains that the present increase follows extensive consultations and a High Court ruling in January which said the council could reduce fares as long as it was done properly. The increased subsidy is likely to be approved by a full council meeting on Tuesday.

London Transport has said

London Transport is to although some fares will remain reduce fares by an average of 25 the same, others will be cut by per cent from May 22 and between 10p and £1.90. Some introduce a new card that allows Tube fares will drop from £3.20 Tube fares will drop from £3.20 to £1.30. The most common fare of 40p on buses and Tubes will stay but it will cover journeys in the whole of the central London area instead of cither the City of West End zones, providing a saving for many passengers of 20p or 30p. One of the main changes is

the travel card. That will cost between £2.80 and £480 and gives travel on both bus and Underground for periods between one week and one year in a selection of zones and at prices cheaper than existing season tickets. A monthly season ticket from Wembley to Holborn, for example, will now cost £36 instead of £50, and will enable passengers to use almost all Tube and bus services at any

Mr Basil Hooper, London Transport's commercial director, said: The new fares package Just the Ticket' is not the old 'Fares Fair' with a different label. It offers the most dramatic change yet in the way regular passengers pay, and makes fare-paying simpler for everyone else."

Mental hospital patients 'need contraceptives'

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

More sexual freedom in psychiatric and long-stay hospitals for the mentally handi-capped has increased the need for full contraception services to be made available to female patients, the public hearing on Depo-Provera was told yester-

Most mentally ill or mentally handicapped patients in hospital were perfectly able to make rational decisions about the kind of contraception they wanted to use, expert witnesses told the panel.

Dr Elizabeth McLean, consultant psychiatrist at St George's Hospital, Tooting, south London, and medical administrator at the Springfield psychiatric hospital, also in Tooting, told the panel that most women of child-bearing age who were admitted to mental hospitals were already either on the pill or using IUDs.

Even those who would be regarded as "mad" by the lay public were able to make decisions about their own contraception, which necessary because there was plenty of opportunity to engage in sexual activity at hospitals like Springfield.

Dr McLean said that sexual activity between patients would be discouraged on wards, but it was entirely their own affair if they planned it outside. Full contraceptive services were needed for patients, not least because an unwanted pregnancy could turn a mild depression into a severe one.

Professor Joan Bicknell, professor of psychiatry of mental handicap at St George's Hospital Medical School, Tooting, said that mildly mentally handicapped people were capable of informed consent over the use of contraceptives, given proper education

The medical profession had ridden roughshod over the mentally handicapped for too

Under questioning, Professor Bicknell agreed that there might be special difficulties with Depo-Provera because it was injected for three months and some mentally handicapped patients found it difficult to plan on a long-term basis.

It might be more appropriate to use the drug to suppress menstruation, particularly if that would belp families to keep their daughters at home:

Detectives and informer are acquitted

Two detectives were cleared at Winchester Crown Court yesterday of inciting to burgle and conspiring to pervert the course of justice.

A jury took three-and-a-half

hours to acquit Det Constable Stephen Frost and Det Sergeant James Auger after their 13-day triaL Also appearing in court on the same charges was John Walters, a police informer, who

was also acquitted. All three had denied the charges.

In June, 1981, the detectives had arrested a man known as Tinker Billy for the burglary of a country house in Twyford.

Berkshire. Tinker Billy, William Lee, served 18 months before his sentence was reduced on appeal to one day

Constable Frost, aged 29, of Verney Close Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Sergeant Auger, 47, of Mayhew Crescent. High Wycombe, were arrested after an internal police investisation.

gation.

It was alleged that they set up
Tinker Billy by persuading
Walters, aged 31, of Newton
Road, Harlow, Essex, to proof a crowbar to use during the burglary.

Race group plea on searches By a Staff Reporter

The Commission for Racial Equality has asked the Government to drop search and scizure powers in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, now before Parliament, and to provide extra safeguards to go with the new powers to stop and search and hold people for prolonged periods without

The commission has sug-gested that there should be monitoring of the ethnic origin of those stopped and searched together with an annual report giving the figures for arrests and convictions.

On the new powers to detain people for up to 96 hours without charge, the commission has appealed to Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, to introduce an independent complaints procedure to cover it. Those detained, the commission says, should have immediate access

to lawyers. Mr Peter Newsam, chairman of the commission said that since the Scarman report some progress had been made in relations between the com-munity and the police. "But this may be swept aside unless the black community can be assured that the Bill, if it comes into force, will not lead to abuse of the discretionary powers with which the police

 Mr Roy Hattersley, Opposition spokesman on home affairs, yesterday forecast that the police Bill would be allowed to drop (the Press Association reports). Mr Whitelaw was "going to forget about it, but he

is going to do it as privately as he possibly can". Prisoners who study full time in jail should be paid the same as those doing manual work. Commons select committee has recommended in a scathing report on prison education (John Witherow writes).

The all-party committee education, science and arts also recommends in its report. published yesterday, new legislation to govern teaching in prisons.

"Prison education desperately needs more money, resources and efficiency, but above all strong direction

It describes as "inexcusable" prisoners being locked in their cells for as mush as 22 hours a day for weeks on end. "To the then Home Secretary. Winston Churchill, in 1910, treatment of the accused and convicted was one of the unfailing tests of the civilization of any country. Seventy years later we are failing that test." Prison education: First report

from the education, science and arts committee (Stationery Of-

thought. The Californian rock cary ings, or petroglyphs, on which Dr Ronald Dorn and Dr David Whitley of the University of California at Los Angeles have demonstrated their new method, consist of motifs a few inches across varnished with a dark coating consisting of clay minerals and metal oxides,

During weathering of that kind of varnish some of the chemical constituents, notably potassium and calcium ions are washed out more readily than others. Therefore, Dr Dorn and Dr Whitley argue, by measuring the relative concentrations of mobile and immobile ious in a sample, an estimate can be made of how long the varnish has been

Science report

Carvings

twice

as old as

thought

By the Staff of Nature Two American scientists

have devised a technique to

date man-made rock carrings

by an analysis of the varnish

that was commonly used to cost them. The technique has

produced evidence to suggest

produced evidence to suggest that some North American Indian carvings are almost twice as old as had been

exposed to weathering.
The concentration of the relevant ions in small samples of the rock varaish scraped from five carvings of different styles in the Great Basin area of California were analysed by particle-induced X-ray emis-sion. From an analysis of the data, the oldest carving was dated to at least 6,400 years ago when previous estimates bad not exceeded 4,000 years. The most recent carving was estimated to have been made

580 years ago. Dr Dorn and Dr Whitley were able to confirm a previous hypothesis that the style of carning evolved from curvilinear motifs, through rectilinear motifs to carvings recognizable as images of animals.

Crucial to the accuracy of the technique was its proper calibration, because the rate of washing out of mobile lon-from any varnish will depend on a number of factors, particularly climatic con-ditions. They took care of that problem by calibrating their measurements against rock carvings near by that had been dated by independent means.

Even if proper calibration is not always possible, the technique will still be useful in working out the relative dates of sequences of rock-carvings. Source: Nature, (vol 302, p 816) (April 28, 1983). ©Nature-Times News Service (1983).

Court rejects pleas by jailed men

Three men jailed for their part in clashes in south London which led to the death of Terry May, aged 19, who was disabled, had their application for leave to appeal against sentence dismissed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The riot, in Thornton Heath. in June, 1981, came after attacks by National Front skinheads on blacks. Terry May, a passer-by, was pulled from a motorcycle and stabbed. Ronald Pilgram, aged 25, of Regina Road, Forest Hill, was jailed at the Central Criminal Court last year for eight years. Gary Huggins, aged 24, of Melfort Road, Thornton Heath. for five years and Patrick Taylor, aged 20, of Cobden Road, South Norwood, for

three years.
Pilgrim was convicted of manslaughter, affray and rioting; Huggins of rioting, and Taylor of rioting and affray. Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, said: "Once you start getting into the realms of vengeance you start vendetias. and once vendettas start there is no telling where they may end".

Fourth brother is sent to jail as a killer

A fourth brother in a family from south London became a convicted killer yesterdy.

As Daniel O'Driscoll, aged

22, was jailed for 12 years for the "callous and savage" manslaughter of a man who accidentally bumped into him in a street in Brixton, his mother was led screaming from the public gallery of Central Criminal Court

Judge Gibbens said: What a family", as he jailed O'Driscoll, of Worcester House, China Mark Estate, Kennington.

Mr Michael Worsley, for the prosecution, had told the court that O'Driscoll had chased his victim. Mr David Feldman victim, Mr David Feldman, aged 23, a carpenter, into a block of flats at Tierney Road, Brixton. He had pursued him

on to a third-floor landing and stabbed him in the heart. In his defence, O'Driscoll maintained he had stabbed Mr Feldman by accident and had offered to take him to hospital.

Phillip Thatcher, aged 23, of Kingscourt Road, Streatham, was convicted of assisting O'Driscoll by driving him from the scene of the crime.

The jury acquitted O'Driscoll of murder, but convicted him of manslaughter on a unanimous verdict

He jailed Thatcher for 18

In July 1981, O'Driscoll's three brothers, Gerald, aged 23, Philip, aged 20, and Christoph er. aged 18, were convicted of the "cruel and savage" murder of a man at a wine bar in Gerald and Philip O'Driscoll

topher O'Driscoll ordered to be detained at Her Majosty's In that trai, the three were

were jailed for life and Chris-

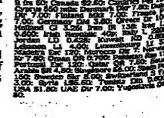
ding. He was slashed with broken glass A fifth brother is also serving a prison sentence. Michael O'Driscoll, also in his twenties,

was jailed last year for two years.

for unlawful possession of a

shotgun at a club in Streatham.

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was also convicted of obtaining £35 expenses by deception for a hotel stay, and guilty of false

accounting.

£500 fine for civic fraud man

Norman James, a former chief officer of Wyre Forest District Council, in Worcestershire, who claimed expenses for meals he had with two women councillors with whom he had affairs, was found guilty yesterday of making a deceitful expenses claim for one meal.

Mr James, aged 58, who until last year earned £20,000-a-year,

He was fined £500 and ordered to pay £250 costs at Hereford Crown Court.

James, of Hawthorn Road, Bromsgrove, near Birmingham, was cleared of five charges of making deceitful expenses claims in respect of meals taken with the Worcestershire council's former chairman, Mrs Jean Munslow, who is now his wife, and Mrs Fran Oborski, a Liberal councillor, teacher, aged

James had admitted having a year-long affair with Mrs Oborski, which began on a town-twinning trip to West Germany in the summer of 1980.

Sale room Junk box spoon fetches £17,000

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent



the Solineby sale of decorative arts also included an the Bond Street dealers, paid ebonized side table, designed by £140,000 (estimate £60,000 to Philip Webb, at £19,250 (estimate £2,000 to £4,000) selling to Louis XV gold and enamel

into Sotheby's. The purchaser at yesterday's sale was a private collector. Wiener Werkstatte, the most Wiener Werkstatte monogram and trademark, the monogram of the designer, Josef Hoffmann, the monogram of the Jones. The sale totalled maker, Anton Pribil and the £116,342 with five per cent left

Austrian poincon.
The Sotheby sale of decorat-

paid £180 for the lot.



At Christie's, S. J. Phillips,

presentation set decorated with scenes inspired by Boucher and Watteau. It comprises an oval snuff box, a chatelaine with pendant watch, a chatelaine with a rock-crystal scent-bottle. bonbonniere and thimble case, a snuffbox with a rock-crystal body, and a sealing wax-case, all dating from around 1760. The Christie's sale of silver

and virtu totalled £240,094 with 3 per cent unsold. Spinks paid £28,080 (estimate £15,000) for a gold freedom box of 1844 celebrating the Treaty

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CND to appoint worker who will canvass poll candidates' attitudes

The Campaign for Nuclear unless the individual Conserva- movements and some represenfull-time worker for the general party's policies on muclear move election campaign. The job will

Mgr Bruce Kent, general Labour, SDP, Liberal and Seretary of CND, said yesterday: "Green CND"

There is no question that CND Mgr Kent was still dear the said of the said series and said seri is a political movement since it seeks social change; but it is not a party political movement.

"We will make known the views of candidates and urge people to vote for the candidate whom, in their opinion, will work most effectively to end the arms race. It will be for the voters to decide".

CND's policy is that it will not endorse any individual party or candidate although Mrs Joan Ruddock, CND's chairwoman has said that the campaign has to create a position who people who support CND's aims cannot vote Conservative,

Mr John Hancock, a traffic

warden who was dismissed for

being rude to motorists, won his

claim for unfair dismissal

yesterday. He is expected to receive £800 compensation.
Miss Norah Healey, chair-

man of the Nottingham indus-trial tribunal, said the panel

thought Mr Hancock was 80 per

cent to blame for his dismissal, but she added that the panel was concerned that Mr Tony

Tyler deputy chief constable of

Nottinghamshire, had treated

Mr Hancock, aged 56, a traffic warden for 15 years, said

afterwards: "Some firms sack

employees for not working, but

I have been sacked for working. I enjoyed serving the public."

He estimated he had issued

12.000 parking tickets and reported another 5,000 offences.

After this case I don't think

any traffic warden will want to

West Bridgford Nottingham, who was dismissed in August.

from the public, will not be

reappointed.
At an earlier hearing, Super-intendent Charles Causley, his

could detect offences better than

any policeman we had, but he just didn't know how to be nice

"He had an insatiable appotite for reporting offences. He

would stand at a strategic point,

usually at Trent Bridge, Not-

tingham, for two hours and fill

his book with traffic offences."

1981, after repeated compl

former superior, said:

Mr Hancock, of Selwyn Close

do a lot of work."

the case as gross misconduct.

election campaign. The job will include maintaining a register of the views of all MPs and candidates on nuclear weapons and disarmament issues.

When the campaign starts, when the campaign starts, concentrating particularly on marginal seats, to let voters know where individual candidates on the constituencies, with CND's specialists political include party sections which include the peace movement in party sections which include of the peace movement in the campaign starts.

Mgr Kent representatives of the Greenham Common peace camp and a delegation of seven standard salary of the Pransport and General workers Union are expected to attend, as will Mr Mostyn Evans, general secretary of the TGWU and Mr Wedgwood Benn.

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yesterday to dicuss Cardinal Hume's statement on his. understood that after careful thought he intends to continue thought he intends to continue the pressure applied over Mgr in his post, with the cardinal's Kent's position with CND.

are expected to attend the international women's day of second European nuclear disaction on May 24. They are armament convention in Berlin hoping that trade unionists and

9 and 14, is expected to attract scale; more than 2,000 representatives of western European peace

Disarmament is to appoint a tive candidate disagrees with his tatives of castern. Baropean

of the peace movement in Britain. There had been the attempt to purnish the Cruzens' Advice Bineau because Mrs Ruddock worked for them; Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, had tried to inche that COO was Soviet. imply that CND was Soviet-dominated and there had been

British peace movement, trade peace movement yesterday unions and the Labour Party announced their plans for an others will take the day off to The convention between May take part in dozens of small-

Man made wife pay Traffic warden him to decorate wins claim From Our Correspondent Nottingham

in his car, she paid for the house, wi petrol. He collected 50p a week against it. from his family to pay for the electricity used by the television a divorce judge said in

Mrs Justice Eastform granted
Mrs Thelma Broadhurst, aged
56, a decree nisi against her
"very selfish and insensitive"
husband on the ground that
their marriage had intetrievably
broken down because of his
unreasonable behaviour.
The judge in the Family

The judge in the Family Division, said Mr Broadhurst, aged 65, made his family pay toeards the cost of installing a shower, even though their house in Brewery Road, Plumstead, south-east London, did not have a bath. When one of his two married

daughters visisted her old home, she was charged 5p for having a shower.

perfect clarity the the this man, the judge said.

so mean that he charged his if she succeeded, she would wife £5 for redecorating the have a claim on the house, the living-room ceiling. The only judge said if he had won, he time he gave her a lift to work would be entitled to stay in the without any claim

He admitted that the marriage had irretrievably broken down, but denied it was caused by his behaviour. The judge London yesterday, by his benaviour. The Judge Mr Justice Eastham granted said Mr Broadhurst, a retired backlauer was interested only in cars and playing golf and

Mr Broadhurst agreed there was a "mutual dislike for each other," but claimed he was a hen-pecked worm in the

Sexual contact between the couple stopped at the end of 1974. Mrs Broadhurst was the warmer of the two" and try to persuade her husband to have sexual intercoarse. But he used to say he was too tired, the

"This matter illustrates with a relative, said: "Iam pleased I rise: clarity the meaness of have my a divorce at last." Mr.

Incompetent solicitors 'should refund fees'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

refund all or part of their fees, the Lay Observer recommends in his annual report published

The Lay Observer, Major John Allen, who acts as a watchdog of the way the Law complaints, says at present will be suspended until new there is no remedy for bad measures relating to incom-professional work by solicitors presence are announced. except that which is offered

voluntarily. In such cases, which stop short of actionable negligence, the Law Society should be given power to order a refund by a solicitor. At present its powers

Incompetent solicitors guilty mistakes at their own expense of serious dereliction of duty. Nevertheless, I believe the to a client should be ordered to society should have the power to order this in the very small proportion of cases where their solicitor fails to meet his proper obligations in this respect."

He notes that the Law Society is revising its Guide to the Professional Conduct of Solici-Society handles the public's tors and says further judiment complaints, says at present will be suspended until new

> mation are still a "frequent and well-justified cause of complaint" from the public against solicitors, he says. "I have been dismayed at the overall time taken to bring some matters to a

Most solicitors did correct. Character (Stationery Office, £2.25.) hands of the police."



Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, the world ice dance champion skaters, who were made honorary freemen of the city of Nottingham yesterday.

dance championship for the third successive time. They hope this year to win a gold medal at the winter Olympics.

Solvent clue to deaths of two boys

From Craig Seton Weston-Super-Mare

Two boys aged 15 who were found dead in a garden shed yesterday may have been miffing solvents.

Michael Munns, described as a good samaritan by neigh-bours, and Ian Kins, his friend. were found slumped in the shed at the back of the Munnses home in Cleveland Road Weston-Super-Mare, Avon, by two other schoolboys.

The police were called but several attempts to revive the police would not comment on the cause of death until postmortem examinations had been

Mr Dennis Kitts, father of Ian Kitts, said yesterday: "We are being told that the police the police of have taken away samples of solvent. From that point of view to say it is solvent abuse is speculation and we are waiting for the pathologist's report".

A neighbour of Michael Munns said: We cannot believe it. He was such a cheerful, bright lad, and was always willing to help."

He had been belping his father, who works for a building firm, to extend their home.

Children and staff at Wyvern School in Western-Super-Mare, which both boys attended, were stunned by their death. Mr Geoffrey Crump, director of education for Avon, said yester-day: "This is a desperate tragedy and the authority has enormous sympathy with the family.

"The incident took place outside school time and is in the

Banker to chair Nature Conservancy Council

By Our Environment Correspondent

A London banker who runs a president of the County Land-Weish sheep farm as a nature reserve is to be the next chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council. He is William Wilkinson, aged 50, brother of Mr John Wilkinson, Conservative MP for Hillingdon, Ruislip-Northwood.

The new chairman, who will take over next Tuesday, described himself yesterday as a "floating voter" who had never belonged to a political party. "I have always been interested in wildlife, the countryside and their conservation", he said. He will succeed Sir Ralph Verney, aged 68, a former

owners Association, who is about to end a three-year term as chairman. Mr Wilkinson will serve for four years. Ministers reject the claim of

naturalists that Sir Ralph has been dismissed because of his robust defence of Somerset bird refuges against pressure from farmers and Conservative MP's.

Mr Wilkinson's wide intersis bridge the two competing lobbies of farmers and natural ists which make opposing demands on the council, a which adminsters

7,000 more teaching jobs may disappear but colleges expand

areas in the next 12 months, according to a survey of 76 local education authorities conducted by The Times Educational

On the basis of the ample, the jobs of 7,000 teachers throughout England and Wales could disappear in 1983-84.

In contrast to the schools, where pupil numbers are falling, colleges of further education expect to employ 1,000 new lecturers in the next 12 months to teach the swelling ranks of 16 10 19 year olds. About 500 extra college posts were found to have been created last year.

There were no compulsory edundancies last year and chief education officers do not expect to dispute anyone because spending cuts or falling pupli numbers over the next year.

Some of the jobs in schools disappeared through redeployment, but most went through oremature retirement: last vear 350 older teachers left the profession early with enhanced pension rights. Given the net reduction of 5,500 jobs in 1982filled through the promotion of

For individual teachers who education for children face an uncertain future and for special needs.

More than 5,500 teachers' parents who see schools closing jobs disappeared from the and specialist staff disappear-payrolls of three-quarters of ing the reductions may seem local councils in the last harsh. But they are still not high financial year. A further 5,000 enough in terms of plans set out look set to be cut from the same by the Department of Education in the White Paper The Government's Plans 1983-4 to 1985-6; (Cmmd

cut of 11.000 for 1983-84; given the corresponding drop in pupil numbers, it said that that could mean a very slight improve-ment in pupil-teacher ratios.

The survey found that half the education authorities in England and Wales plan to spend slightly more on education in the next 12 months than in 1982-83. Four out of 10 plan to spend less and one in ten plans to spend the same mount. The changes range from a 6.6 per cent increase in Dudley to a 2.9 per cent decrease in Stockport.

Two-thirds of the authorities in the sample will be "over-spent" in 1983-84 because their total spending on all services is in breach of government targets. They will be penalized by losing rate support grant. The picture would be much bleaker if interest rates and inflation had not fallen over the past year.

Most authorities are spending at least five per cent more on books and equipment. A third of the authorities are increasing

Prison potter convicted of Leach conspiracy

A jury at Southwark Crown Court, London, yesterday found Vincent Mason guilty of conspiring with two other men to obtain money by deception from leading auction houses by making fake Bernard Leach pottery in a prison workshop. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment, suspended for

two years.

Although he was a beginner Mason, serving a five-year sentence for burglary and handling stolen property, used the library at Featherstone prison, near Wolverhampton, to make a detailed study of the

Cornish master potter. The copies he produced in the prison kiln fooled experts at Sotheby's, Christie's, Bonham's and other auction houses.

The jury was told that 18 months concubilism Boardman, a fellow three-year senter prisoner, saw Mason's work at already serving,

pottery classes and hit on the idea of passing them to John Excell, an antique dealer, who then got in touch with the auction houses.

Mason's work appeared in various catalogues and even fooled Mr Richard Dennis, who had collected and dealt in Leach's works for many years.

Mason, aged 47, of Fawcett Street, Salford, Greater Man-chester, insisted he did not know what Boardman and Excell were doing with his pots. He denied trying to fool the foremost experts on Leach" and such presumption would have been monumental".

Excell was given an 18-month sentence suspended for two years and Boardman was given 18 months concurrent with a three-year sentence he was

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Mr John Hancock: Issued

Meeting the costs of Channel 4

Television's newcomer is winning friends

By Kenneth Gosling Channel 4, six months old next week and now well established in the ratings after a shaky start, is still-enjoying the confidence of the independent television companies in spite of the strain it places on their

The 15 companies are bearing the brunt of the channel's costs without getting back anything like the total £138m outlay in advertising revenue, mainly due to the dispute over advertising fees for actors. Television, for

example, would have made a profit before its levy payment of between £20m to £30m this ear, but that potential profit has become a predicted loss of between £2m and £3m. Thames pays the highest Channel 4 subscription of £21.6m.

Company executives were unwilling yesterday to reopen old arguments about whether Channel 4 should have been controlled by the independent television companies rather than becoming a subsidiary of the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA).

Mr Hugh Dundas, chairman of Thames Television, said: "There is no point in saying what might have happened. We in the 15 companies and the Independent Television News had all the facilities and expertise. But we went into the .the companies owe on the first was to happen and that is now

Future secure, TV-am says

After weeks of ancertainty, low ratings for its programmes and the disappearance of several famous name" presenters, TV-am yesterday announced It is clear from the statement that Mr Timothy Aitken,

in a brief statement after a board meeting, it said that agreement had been reached between the company's share-holders and its bankers. The company, which holds the commercial breakfast television franchise, has come to an agreement with its unions on cuts amounting to

£1.5m a year towards checking

that its finanacial future is

chief executive of TV-am, bas succeeded in his attempt to restore a £3m overdraft facility with Barclays merchant bank in return for certain guaran-

. The reprieve will enable Mr Greg Dyke, the new editor-in-chief who starts work on ky, to produce a package better able to compete with the BBC Breakfast Time programme, which has been achieving ratings of 1.5 million

against TV-am's 300,000.

water under the bridge. Our ambition is to see it work." Mr Paul Fox, managing director and director of pro-Yorkshire Television, sixth in grammes at Yorkshire, who is a the subscription list on £13.6m. was losing £1m a month earlier this year in terms of the discrepancy between what it has to pay for Channel 4 and the

revenue it draws from advertis-Now that figure has been reduced to £750,000, partly, Yorkshire says, because Channel 4 revenue has increased, but also because the IBA has deferred the collection of some of the interest on the amount

senior figure in the industry, discounted reports that the of programmes, London Week-companies wanted either to see and Television, that the neonle Channel 4 go out of business or to stage a takeover.

wholeheartedly and continue to wish it well. Obviously life would be much easier without the advertising dispute, and God knows when the end of that will come, but the company is performing well and its closure has never been dis-

for quite some time"." As for Channel 4, to be successful it needs, on average, for everyone who watches television to tune into it for two Frustration over the Equity/

Advertising dispute is expressed by Granada, one of the "big " companies in the regions Mr Peter Rennie, sales director said much more revenue would have been generated had it not

Mr Timothy Knowles, assist ant managing director and finance director of HIV, was immediate resolution of the dispute, there would be no significant increase in the overall income from advertising because the money we have lost on Channel 4 and S4C has simply been moved into ITV

Last month the companies had the consolation of seeing their general revenue from advertising increase to £73m, £15.5m more than in February and nearly £20m more than in April last year.

That lends support to the

view of Mr John Birt, director

end Television, that the people in Independent Television are confident that the present He said: "We support it difficulties will have evaporated in a couple of years. But he added that companies such as LWT are going to have to retaink fundamentals in a system that has not had to do it

PM asserts: 'We are the true peace movement'

NUCLEAR DEBATE

The Conservatives were the true peace movement. Mrs Margaret Thateher, the Prime Minister, declared in the Commons define questions about Labour's defence policy and about the politics of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarma-

Mrs Thatcher denied that Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, had spoken to Cardinal Hume or any other church or religious leaders about the CND. She hoped that there would be an carly Commons debate on defence matters and also promised that the Conservatives would keep defence at the forefront of the section

asked her; Has she studied the essay written by Mr Denis Healey, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and spokesman of foreign and Commonwealth affairs in the book called Renewal; Labour's British in the 1986;

Does she not find it strange in that essay on foreign affairs that Mr Healey never referred once to

It would be far better if Mr Healey came clean and renounced those policies, which he knows would be a disaster for this country. Mrs Thatcher: I agree that it would be a disaster to withdraw from Europe or to abandon our nuclear weapons. The one would have a devestating effect on industry and the other would show that we were not prepared to defend ourselves. not prepared to defend ourselves.

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RATING SYSTEM

spenders umong local authorities, which were all Labour-controlled.

Healey always seems able to model his views to Labour policy. Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C): In two recent evening's canvassing with an

excellent Conservative candidate in the Grange ward of Christchurch which had the largest council housing estate in my constituency. I have come across a number of erstwhile Labour voters who have expressed their grave concern and distilusion with Labour support of CAD. Will she therefore do everything to

encourage Comrade Kent and his socialist cohorts to keep defence at the forefront of debate?

Mrs Thatcher: We shall keep defence at the forefront. They are vital for the security of our, way of life and the people of this country, and for our international standing. i hope that soon there will be a full debate in the House Mr Tom Clarke (Coatbridge and Airdric, Lab): There is a widespread concern in Scotland about recent remarks by Mr Michael Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence. Distinguished representatives of the Church of Scotland, the Episcopa-lean Church and Roman Catholic

Church take grave exception to the smear of the peace movement. Mrs Thatcher: Mr Heseltine has had no conversations with Cardinal Hume. (Protests) Just because the it does not make them any the less facis. Mr Heseltine has had no conversations with Cardinal Hume or with the head of any other church or religious organization.

About his other revelations about

the leaders of the CND, I fail to see that anyone can be blamed for



Maxwell-Hyslop: Policies have kept the peace

five preceding prime ministers, who have kept Britain in Nato and kept nuclear weapons defending us, have demonstrated that they lead the true movement for preserving peace between East and West. (Labour protests and Conservative cheers). a part of the Nato balance. That has kept the peace for 38 years and people should be very slow to discard it before they can find something to keep the peace equally

We are the true peace movement.

Mr Mark Carlisle (Runcom, C): Has she seen reports in today's papers that, apparently, in the Labour Party advertising campaign, Labour does not propose to refer to its intention to go for unilateral nuclear disarmament? Mr Foot, the Leader of the Opposition says that is the main issue at the next election. but apparently does not wish to put it publicly before the electorate.

Mrs Thatcher: I have seen the reports but Labour's true voice has been revealed in documents and sayings of many people. They are unilateralists and that means they would be prepared to play with the defence of Great Britain, and to abandon the rediction in which lies

War hero's widow being helped

the medal up for public sale deliberately to draw attention to what they felt to be the Govern-ment's innatention to Second World

The matter was raised by Mr

Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South Lab) who said that one of the saddest sights of the past few days had been the sale of a Victoria

Cross.
Will the Prime Minister consider

initiating a wide-ranging review of

asked) so that they can be given the same kind of consideration. kind-

ness and compassion properly shown to the widows of the

shown to the widows of the Falklands campaign? Mrs Thatcher:

This Government's record in

improving the lot of war widows has been unsurpassed by any other government, including the Labour

Government

SALE OF VC

The Government had an excellent record on war widows, and the excellence of that record would continue in future. Mrs Margaret during Commons questions about the sale by Mrs Muriel Nicolson of her late husband's Victoria Cross. wing Commander James Nicolson, who died in a plane crash in 1945, had won the VC during the Battle of Britain as a fighter pilot—the only one to win a VC in that battle. The Nilcolson family had put the medal was for outlie sale.

Mr Alan Belth Berwick upon Tweed. L): had asked if she was going to promise to abolish the rating system as she did previously? would it be on the basis of the plan she had in mind then, or was she going to promise merely to reform the system?

Labour-controlled areas. The 18 largest over-spenders are the system?

Labour-controlled areas. The 18 largest over-spenders are the largest over-spenders are Mrs Thatcher: There was no Avon. Merseyside. Southwark, promise to abolish the rating Sheffield, Greenwich, Tyne and system. (Opposition interruptions) Wear . . . (the rest of the names it was clear that their reduction of were lost amid loud Conservative

Labour loves spending

other people's money

exactly what we say about rates when the due time comes.

Chapman (Barnet, increased in Surrey, control Chipping Barnet, C), will she look at the Conservatives?
recently-published statistics which Mrs Thatcher: They are much too show that the average rate poundage high in Surrey, (Labour laughter).
of Labour-controlled London One of the ways of trying to get boroughs are no less than 50 per public expenditure in the local cent higher than Conservative-con- authorities reduced was the new trolled boroughs. The equivalent system for the rate support grant. figure in the Metropolitan councils. On average this year rates is 25 per cent, as it is in the shires. increased by 6.5 per cent. Had the The best advice to people is to two biggest spenders - the GLC vote Conservative to get their rates and ILEA - been on their targets. down (Conservative cheers.) there would have been on average Mrs Thatcher Many Labour-con-virtually no rate increases this trolled authorities are vey big year.

Next week The main business in the Commons

next week will be: Tuesday and Wednesday: Progress on the remaining stages of the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill. Thursday: Remaining stages of the Mobile Homes Bill and the National Heritage Bill.

Friday: Private members' Bills. The main business in the House of Lords next week will be: Tuesday: Energy Bill, report. Social Security and Housing Benefits Bill, second reading. Debate on American nuclear and other bases Wednesday: Debate on Soviet penetration and influence in the Telecommunications Bill, committee, first day. Friday: Parochial Charities (Neigh-

Labour-controlled local authorities to be careful how they spend ratepayers' money and show they spend ratepayers' money and show they give value for it.

Prime Minister said during noisy exchanges with Mr Michael Foot. Leader of the Opposition, over the level of rates.

She desired that the Conservative of the Conservative level of rates.
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Mrs Thatcher: Too much, especially
in Labour-controlled authorities. Party had made a promise to abolish the rating laws and condemned the 18 largest over-Mr Foot: Rates have increased in general over the country under her Government by 75 per cent. How much could they have been reduced if she had not cut the rate suppor grant? (Labour cheers) Mrs Thatcher: Rates are highest in

income tax would have to come cheers and Labour interruptions).

first. He will have to wait and see Labour loves spending other

people's money. Mr Foot How much have rates

HOUSING BILL

The increases we have given include a special one for old age and the fact that we have taken war widows completely out of taxation. On that particular case, it is very sad that the VC has been sold.
We have looked into the case and Right to buy Mrs Nicolson was visited. She was awarded a war widow's pension after the death of her husband. In clause not to be reinserted the post-war period, the rate was increased for her son and his school fecs were met under the war pensions scheme.

In addition to the standard pension she has received some help from the RAF Benevolent Fund. The Government does not intend to replace the clause in the Housing and Building Control Bill which would have extended right to buy She has rank allowance and an age allowance. We were not aware that she needed further money. We have an excellent record on war widows and I imagine that the excellence of that record will tenants of charitable housing associations and housing trusts and which was rejected in the Lords by 182 votes to 96 on Tuesday, Lord Bellwin, Minister for Local Government and Environmental Services, announced in the House of Lords at the beginning of the second day of the Bill's committee stage. continue in future.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills. Copyright (Amendmemt) Bill, report. Coroners' Juries Bill,

Too many involved for visits to graves

WAR WIDOWS

There were just too many people involved to make it a feasible proposition for all war widows to visit their husbands' graves overseas at public expense, Lard Gleaarthur, a Government spokesman, told the House of Lords at question time. The Government was accused by Lady Jeger (Lab) of being "totally insensitive" to the feelings of many families of men killed in wars other than the Falklands campaign.

When she asked the Government to recorder the post-

to reconsider the possibility of assistance for such visits. Lord Glenarthur informed her: We have no plans to reconsider offering visits at public expense to servicemen's graves overseas to the next of kin of such servicemen buried before the

duced in 1967.

Lady Jeger: Is the Government totally insensitive to the feelings of many families who have lost their next of kin in other wars? The arrangements introduced in 1967 were not retrospective but there is now a new simultion with the Falklands accordengers.

Falklands arrangements.
Will the Government look again at this with some sensitivity and sympathy to people who feel equally bereaved wherever their loved ones were killed and whatever date it happened? Lord Glegarthur, All will share her

feelings of sympathy with those who have died in all wars. The sacrifices of those in the last war were as great as those who died in the Falklands. I know this is keenly felt by many. Of course the Government would like to be able to offer a visit at public expense to the close relatives of servicemen buried overseas. But the simple fact that it is a matter of scale and practicality. There are just

Lord Cledwyn of Pearbos, leader of the Opposition peers, asked what was the scale and cost involved. What were the numbers involved, bearing in mind that it was only a percentage of the total number of widows who would be able to go. The number of widows from the First World War must be small by

now.

Would the minister (he added) convey the feeling of the House to the Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Michael Heseltine)? The Government should introduce phased scheme, based possibly on age, to enable the widows who want

age, to enable the withows who want to go to visit the graves of their late husbands.

Lord Glenarthur said there were about 172,000 identified graves of British servicemen buried overseas from World War Two alone. It would be a resonable assumption



Jeger: Government insensitive to families

that the majority would have at least one surviving close relative who might wish to take up the offer of a visit. It was calculated there were just over 65,000 war widows' pensions in payment.

Phasing visits would not significantly ease the difficulties unless

everyone concerned was offered a visit within a reasonable time scale. There would inevitably be charges of injustice.

There is no way (he said) of

overcoming the problem because of the sheer scale. Stretching it over a We do not have an estimate of the cost. It would be a very large sum indeed.

> Family doctor service review

The administration of the family practitioner services in England and Wales is to be reviewed. Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, announced in a written

He said it was proposed to invite management consultants, working with the Department of Health and Social Security and the Welsh Office, to undertake the review,

State cash for research project

TECHNOLOGY

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Industry, outlined in a Commons statement a joint researc programme into information technology (IT) which is expected to cost up to £350m. The programme is to involve industry, research institutions and the Government. It would, he said, be the first time there had been a colloborative research project on this scale.

The statement was made in response to the report of the Alvey Committee.

Mr Jenkin said: The Alvey Committee was set up last year at the request of the IT industry to investigate the scope for a collaboralive research programme in ad-vanced information technology in the light of mounting concern in the industry at the increasing threat of overseas competition.

After detailed consultations with dustry I am now able to anno

he Government's response. The future competitiveness of our IT industry is a subject to which we attach the utmost importance. The attach the utmost importance. The report outlines the key enabling technologies in which the IT industry must maintain and strengthen its competitive position in world markets.

Its theme is the need for collaboration between industry, academic institutions and other research organizations in order fully

research organizations and other research organizations in order fully to mobilize our potential in these technologies. The task is beyond the resources of any single enterprise.

The central purpose is to prove the

way for IT products, IT processes and IT services which can be sold in the market in competition with the

rest of the world.

We therefore accept Alvey's recommendation to establish a programme of collaborative research concentrated on the four main areas of technology set out in the proof. These areas are enfruence on the proof. the report. These areas are software engineering, very large scale inte-gration that is, advanced chips, man knowledge based systems.

industry has realized the need for collaborative research in these areas, and it is ready to take part in such a programme. This positive involvement of industry in the funding, management and execution of the programme is crucial to its success, if we are to turn successful research into marketable

The key feature of the programme will be collaboration between companies, Government research establishments, and academic insti-

Projections

for growth

unchanged

facre was encouraging con-

There was encouraging confirmation that the economy was recovering, but this had not let the Government to revise its projections for growth in the coming year.

Mr Less Brittan, Chief Secretary to the Tensoury said in the Company

Over recent weeks, he added, a

ing production was increasing - up 1

per cent in the three months to February on the previous three

months; the continuing growth in total output, now 2 per cent higher than in the spring of 1981; and a substantial improvement in busi-

When an apology was conveyed from Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, for his absence as he was at a meeting in Washington of the Development Committee of the World Bank, Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, Off UU) said the Chancellor mould be better poor.

Chancellor would be better occu-pied answering questions in the House than being in Washington fixing up loans to sustain un-sustainable regimes and unsound

Mr Mark Lennex-Boyd (More-cambe and Lonsdale. C): The evidence of the recent CBI survey and other favourable indicators are perhaps the reason for the Oppo-

sition's desperate concern to see a June election. They fear the situation will be even worse for

Mr Brittan: That anxiety is well placed, because the CBI's latest industrial trends survey does show

encouraging improvements in business optimism, which is at its highest level since 1976. That is

number of encouraging indicators had been published pointing to modest economic recovery. These included evidence that manufacturement of the control of the

THE ECONOMY

funded 100 per cent by

in the case of work carried out in industry. Alvey recommended that most of this should be 50 per cent government funded, but that some projects should attract 90 per cent funding. We have considered this last recommendation closely, but have decided that 90 per cent government funding does not secure ent industrial commitmen and could lead to the programme becoming divorced from industry's needs. I have, therefore, decided that all industrial work should be 50

that all industrial work should be 50 per cent government funded.

Companies taking part will be required to release know-how and to share results with their project partners. They will also be expected to license results on reasonable conditions to others in the programme, and to organisations outside the programme where this is needed to secure exploitation.

The report estimated that the research would cost about £350m over five years. The Government stands ready to support a programme of research on this scale, However, the extent of the Government's contribution to the programme depends upon industry making its contribution and upon the programme's technical progress. making its contribution and upon the programme's technical progress.

The report proposed that academic institutions should carry out some £50m of research over five years, and industry the remaining £300m. The full cost of this to Government would be around

This money will be provided by the Department of Industry, the Department of Education and Science and the Ministry of Defence and, over the PES period, will not

and, over the PES period, will not add to existing allocations.

The Department of Education and Science will fund research through the Science and Engineering Research Council, mainly in the universities. The Ministry of Defence will fund research of particular importance to our future defence industry. The Department of Industry will provide the major portion of the Government's funds and will carry overall responsibility and will carry overall respons

A new, small, directorate will be established in the Department of established in the Department of Industry to coordinate the programme. It will be headed by Mr Brian Oakley, currently Secretary of the Science and Engineering Research Council. It will be staffed by people from the industry and supported by the Government

There are numerous other dicators in the real world to show

that and it is only a few of the more benighted Labour MPs who do not accept what is going on.

Mr Richard Wainwright (Colne Valley, L): What is the Government's message to those British manufacturers whose plans to contribute to greater growth in the

economy depend upon a realistic international valuation of the pound sterling?

Mr Brittam It is not the job of Government to give messages of this kind. The job of the Government is to provide the right financial framework and the right

That is what has been done in the Budget in relation to business,

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition

spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, (Tower Hamlets,

Stepney and Popular, Lab): Mr Brittan's reply was well judged in his refusal to increase his estimate of

he rate of growth of GDP in the

economy of 2 per cent for this year and 2½ per cent for the second half

of this year over the second half of

Can he explain, having I assume

read the recent quarterly report of the CBI in which it is shown that 72

per cent of our firms are operating

per cent of our firms are operating below capacity and only 4 per cent believe they are short of orders, why there is so much apparent optimism on the economy in the Govern-ment's statements at the present

time? What is the real basis for this?

Work carried out in departments concerned and institutions will as usual SERC.

The directorate will report to a small supervising board of industri-alists. Sir Robert Telford, who has substantial experience of the electronics industry, has agreed to serve on a part-time basis as chairman of the Board. This is the first time in our

history that we shall be embarking on a collaborative research project on anything like this scale. Industry, academic researchers and Government will be coming together to achieve major advances in technology which none could achieve on

ensure that the results as they emerge are fully exploited here in Britain to the advantage of our economy. Information technology is one of the most important one of the most important industries of the future and therefore one upon which hundreds of thousands of jobs in the future will depend. Collaboration will ensure that the

results of the research are widely disseminated particularly to smaller firms which have such an important contribution to make to the

this programme will ensure for British industry secure access to the new technology and to the products and processes on which the new technology and to the products and processes on which our future prosperity depends.



Jenkin: £350m project

over five years John Garrett, an Opposition kesman on industry (Norwich, th, Lab): In general we welcome

not to be abortive.

this statement.

The refusal to meet Alvey's proposal for a 90 per cent funding by the Government on some projects means that many small companies will not able to join the

Royton, Lab): How does he expect to sustain even the present modest

recovery, without an increase in

Mr Britten I do not believe that the

wir Srithan: I do not ocheve mat the policy we have been following of restraint in monetary growth, which has led to a fall in inflation, will be reversed. The increase in activity

which I have described is a result of the success of this policy. If we were

Mr Stephen Dorrell: (Lough-borough, C): It is not clear that the fluctuation in the exchange rate over the past two years has been a major impediment to the growth of world

As we rely so heavily on an expanding base of world trade, is it not in our interest to work with our

European and American partners for greater exchange rate stability?

Mr Brittan: We should seek to work with them and persuade them, as we have to a large extent been successful in doing to pursue policies with regard to inflation and Budget deficits which would lead to stability in the exchange rate greater than the heart had.

Mr Robin Cook, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (Edinburgh, Cen-

recovery is under way, when will manufacturing investment rise 37 per cent, and manufacturing output 22 per cent back to their 1979 levels.

Alvey proposed the 90 per cent funding specifically to assist dis-semination of key technologies. Will the spread of new systems be hindered by the penny-pinching restriction of funding to 50 per cent?

What are the implications for the education system? Alvey stad it was no good just providing schools with micro-computers when what was

necro-computers when what was needed was a massive expansion of teacher training, including 500 new trained personnel, 150 new aca-demic posts and 800 new undergraduate places.
What is the Government's policy on the multinationals? Alvey said they should participate in the programme only where it is guaranteed that valuable technical information will not leak abroad. Mr Jenkin: On the decision not to accept the Alvey 90 per cent figure where small companies would be interested, this is in no sense pennypinching. This is not to save expenditure – the Government's commitment will be approaching 60 per cent of the total amount involved.

We want to make sure that the Government's involvement in this research would have sufficient direct interest to make sure that it remained always relevant to the

The programme provides for the training in the necessary skills, it is designed to go hand in hand with the Secretary of State for Education and Science's information technology "New Blood" initiative which has already been announced.

On multinationals, all companies raising entry in the programme will be On multinationals, all companies taking part in the programme will be required to meet the same general conditions: they must have the research expertise to contribute, they must be ready to accept the rules under the intellectual properties rights, and they must exploit the technology arising from the programme in the United Kingdom.

We will require clear and categorical assurances that the work categorical assurances that the work done here does not leak overseas to benefit Britain's competitors. This whole programme will be an enormous advantage to Britain's IT

Mir John Grant (Islington, Central, SDP): The statement shows a surprising degree of complacency. By short changing industry in this way does be think he will enable it to compete adequately with the hugely government backed industries of Japan and West Germany? Mr Jenkin: I do not see how he can describe as short changing industry the programme I have announced

British key fitted US missile

person who regards it as a bad sign is Mr Shore.

He said later that at the Williamsburg summit the Chancelor would be engaged in discussions designed to ensure that, where possible, the countries of western Europe adopted policies on inflation and budget deficies which would enable the kind of progress not only in this country but in the United States and Germay to continue and not to be sbortive. DEFENCE

A serious incident involving Thor missiles in 1962 had only recently come to light. Dr David Owen (Plymouth, Devonport, SDP) said when he unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate in the Commons on the desirability of a dual control key control mechanism for

missues.

He said a Royal Air Force technician had discovered during routine servicing of an inert missile that a Relieb key turned the United to reverse it, the increase in States Air Force lock production and output would not The Prime Minis

The Prime Minister had con-firmed to him details of the 1962 incident which had not been reported at the time to the government of the day, it had direct relevance to the debate about control of cruise missiles were they to be deployed in this country.

It was not sufficient to have confidence alone in the joint decision making of a President and a Prime Minister. The House should also have confidence in the actual states. launch control mechanism for British-based missiles.

British-based missiles.

After the RAF technician's discovery, a comprehensive check of the other missiles revealed that a British key fitted one other USAF leaf.

Labour move to abolish NIS

As a direct consequence of its economic policies the Government had seen a desolation of industry without example in the western world. Mr Robert Sheldon, an world. Mr Robert Sheldon, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab), said when the committee stage of the Finance Bill was resumed. He moved 2 new clause, considered with a similar Liberal-SDP new clause, to abolish the national insurance surcharse.

Police accept checks Motor cycle on computer records

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

The Merseyside police have mation gathered by officers accepted a stringent set of data about criminals' activities. protection safeguards, to win the support of its Labourcontrolled county police committee for a project to computerize criminal records at an estimated cost of £3m.

Senior officers agreed to seven safeguards at a private meeting this week of the committee's computer panel. They strengthen a code of practice agreed last November when the authority approved a much smaller project involving the conversion of records, held on paper or microfilm, to computer data.

The panel will recommend the full committee to invite lenders for the system, which will be limited to "criminal records" - facts about convic- and crime reporting out of the tions. According to Mr John George, the panel chairman, the police have dropped their original idea that the computer should also be used for "crime reporting", details of crimes for which no one has been convicted, and for "criminal intelligence", additional infor- year.

Panel members felt that the latter could become a threat to civil liberties.

The two most important safeguards agreed this week are that people will be allowed access to their files, if they want to check the accuracy of their own criminal records, and that an independent outside observer will monitor the system.

However the agreement could be jeopardized if the Data Protection Bill now going through Parliament emerges in form that would make the Merseyside safeguards illegal. In that case the committee might abandon the project, Mr George said.

Leaving criminal intelligence computer is expected to save only £150,000 out of the cost, likely to be about £3m. that is because the main cost will be to integrate the new system with Merseyside's advanced command and control computer. which came into operation las

ace never took test

From Our Correspondent Derby

Ron Haslam, aged 26, the motor cycle racing star, was fined £130 by magistrates in Ilkeston, Derbyshire, yesterday, for riding a motor cycle without L-plates, insurance and a crash helmet.

Hasiam, of Milnbay Road, Langley Mill, Nottingham-shire, explained that as a track rider he was ranked as the world's number two but he had never bothered to take a motor cycle driving test.

Mr John Hargreaves, for prosecution, said that Haslam was stopped while riding a Suzuki 250 near his sister's home in Heanor, Derbyshire last September. Haslam's solicitor, Mr John Calladine said: "Mr Haslam is a professional motor cyclist of some skill and repute but he does not ride the motor cycles on the road and has never taken a motor cycle test". He added that Haslam had been doing his sister's boy

friend a favour by examining the Suzuki machine, which had a gearbox fault. He had

gone only 25 yards in first gear

and was about to return to the



Court lesson: Ron Haslam, the motor cycle champion after being fined yesterday.

house when he was stopped by the police. Haslam, who admitted the offences, also had his licence endorsed, had six penalty points awarded against him and was ordered to pay £7 costs. Afterwards he said: "It's not been my week. Last weekend I thought I was going to come second in the race at Monza but the bike

broke down on the last lap and now today I get fined for this. "I never felt the need to ride a bike on the roads. I get all my excitement from racing. I have a car licence and drive to all the races so I'm glad I was not banned." He added: "I was stopped riding a Suzuki by the

policeman - the team I ride for

Mr Brittam His question is as good an example of scraping the barrel as we shall see. He does not now seem to be challenging the fact that the economy is growing, but only welcoming the fact that we are not able to announce a faster rate of able to announce a faster rate of growth than we announced at the time of the Budget.

As for accounting for optimism, it is not difficult to understand why when British industry is showing increasing order books and increasing expectations.

I regard that as a good sign. The whole country does. The only

when will bankruptcies fall by 67 per cent back to the 1979 level, and when will unemployment go down by two million to its 1979 level? Mr Brittan: If he is trying to tell us

The back-room workers

that there has been a reces are well aware of that.

Activists prepare for battle

Local Government Correspondent

Mrs Wendy Talley is the

tolerant empress of the semi-derelict house in Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, which the local Liberal Party recently took over for its headquarters. Upstairs an old oil painting of William Ewart Gladstone looks down on her large-scale map of the town, while downstairs a trestle table is laden with the bric-a-brac of electioneering: posters, rosettes and those garish orange tee-shirts beloved of Young Liberals.

Mrs Talley, aged 36, whose husband is a Liberal councillor, is paid as a part-time constituency agent, but she works all the time. For more than two months her life has been completely given over the the elections. The other day my telephone was broken. But there was no peace; people kept on knocking at the door," she said.

If the Liberal election machine wins control of the district council in Chelmsford on Thursday, much credit will be due to Mrs Talley. People like her exist in all the leading parties and in most areas.



ELECTIONS

The total number of municipal activists is small, but they perform a vital function. Without them election addresses and manifestos would not come through the letter box, candi-dates would not get their nomination papers signed and the foot-soldiers would not be roused to go out canvassing on damp, dark evenings.

What makes an activist? Mr John Vaughan Jones, an official at the Labour Party's Welsh dquarters in Cardiff, said: "If you don't enjoy meeting people you shouldn't be in politics. For some people it is the sheer enjoyment of fighting elections."

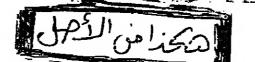
The type of people who become active in local elections becomes worthwhile.

has changed, he suggested: Traditionally in the Welsh valleys the burden was carried by the trade union activists who tended to be the same people at those involved in the chapel: and the rugby clubs. Now, younger people are coming in committed to socialism and committed to socialism and the rugby clubs. seeing in the local authority a natural place to express that commitment."

Friendliness is a necessary ingredient, Mr Anthony Garrett, the deputy agent for the Conservative Party's south-east region, said. "People actively involved are often working on behalf of people they know very well indeed; it's like working for

A Liberal candidate in Chelmsford said: "Sometimes you get tired and long for more time with the wife and family." Canvassing and political work during the election campaign takes up three hours a night, five nights a week, and the pace is telling.

"But once in a while you knock on a door and you find somebody who has benefited from one of our campaigns, or our casework. Then it all





THE NEW VOLVO 760 GLE. ITS SHAPE

In a world where it's often difficult to tell one car from another, no-one can mistake the new Volvo 760 GLE

Its elegant profile is instantly recognisable.

Basically a wedge shape, it has a low bonnet, clearly sculptured edges and a steeply raked rear windscreen.

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"Ergonomically the 760 GLE is excellent." AUTOCAR

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President outlines four goals to provide long-term strategy

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

President Reagan's address to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday night is likely to become known as "the Reagan doctrine on Central America".

In his speech Mr Reagan set out broad objectives which are likely to provide the basis of American policy towards the region for years to come. These are a commitment by the US to encourage the development of democracy in Central America; to help the countries of the region defend themselves against left-wing revolution and tyranny: to encourage economic development so as to eradicate poverty and other root causes for internal unrest; and to support dialogue and negotiation among and within the countries of the region.

In an attempt to alert American public opinion to the threat that unrest in Central America poses to the US, the President warned that the national security of all the Americas is at stake in Central America. If we cannot defend ourselves there, we cannot expect to prevail elsewhere. Our credibility would collapse, our alliances would crumble, and the safety or our homeland would be put in jeopardy."

Although Mr Reagan's speech contained no new initiatives, it did include suggestions of compromise. He said the US would support any agreement reached by Central American countries for withdrawal of all foreign forces and appeared to leave the door open for diplomatic efforts that could involve some of the left-wing

Armed street protest

called in Nicaragua

Managua (Reuter) - Nicara- blame for Nicaragua's swing

gua's left-wing government has towards the Soviet block. If

president Reagan for more then it would remilitary aid for Central current situation.

America's anti-leftist govern- SAN SALVA

Broadcasts by a Nicaraguan

The broadcasts demanded

government representative said Mr Reagan's address to Con-

gress had slandered Nicaragua.

that the people take to the streets "carrying your rifles, machetes, clubs and any other

weapon to show the ability of

the Nicaraguan people to defend themselves against ag-

gressions planned by Mr Rea-

Nicaraguan leaders said Mr

Reagan's call was really aimed

at laying the groundwork for large-scale attacks on Nicaragua

from neighbouring Honduras,

the closest American ally in the

Reagan speech, and the Government said it supported

fully Mr Reagan's opposition to

"totalitarian expansion" in the

CANCUN: President João Figueiredo, of Brazil, visiting

this Carribean resort in Mexico

for talks wih President Miguel

de la Madrid, rejected Mr Reagan's position that Nicara-

gua threatens US security, AP

and Reuter report.
"If the United States thinks

the situation in Nicaragua represents a risk for their

security, that's their problem".

he told reporters, "and if they decide to intervene in Nicara-

gua, they'll be doing that

"The region cannot be con-sidered only from the perspec-

tive of ideological confrontation

or by resorting to solutions of

without the support of Brazil.

region, including El Salvador.

Honduras welcomed



Senator Percy: Better chance of approval'

nounced - but did not name the appointment of a special envoy to Central America. The envoy is expected to be Mr Richard Stone, a former Florida senator, although some congressmen have expressed reservations about Mr Stone's previous connexions with the

The immediate aim of the address was to gain congressional approval for the military and economic assistance programme to El Salvador and other countries in the region. This programme, amounting to \$600m for fiscal 1984, has been floundering around Capitol Hill for weeks because of congressional con-cern about the Administration's objectives - particularly its military aid for El Salvador and the pervasive fear that the US could find itself embroiled.

President Reagan tried to allay these fears by pledging that no US combat troops would be

in another Vietnam-style con-

threat of communism

on foreign affairs, accused Mr

Reagan of "acting like a recruiting sergeant for commu-nism in the whole Caribbean

area", the Press Association

reports. He described the

President's speech as lamen-

Today programme, Mr Healey said the President's speech

situation very much worse"

would make a very dangerous

By raising the stakes, Mr Reagan was bringing America a big step closer to direct

American involvement as it was

in Vietnam. In the end, if America really believes what

President Reagan says, It would

have to put its own troops in

and that would be a total

Speaking on BBC radio's

AFP reports.

language which, while tough when referring to the left-wing Sandmista regime in Nicaragua. was relatively muted and

Whether he has succeeded in winning the bipartisan support for his policy which he repeatedly sought during his address remains unclear, in the official democratic response broadcast immediately after his speech Senator Christopher Dodd de-scribed his plea for more military aid as a "formula for

Instead, Senator Dodd urged increased economic aid to relieve "the factors which breed revolution". He said the US should use its power and influence to achieve an immediate end to hostilities in both El Salvador and Nicaruagua and settlements in the region.
Senator Edward Kennedy

the decision to appoint a special presidential envoy, but feared that the ident's overall policy was

Scnator Charles Percy, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, felt, however, that the President had a better chance than before the

speech of winning congressional approval for the \$110m in military aid to El Salvador Senator Robert Kasten, chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, predicted that Mr Reagan would now be able to develop the bipartisan support he needs for his programme to be approved.

pressed concern at the President's failure to refer to the covert aid that the CIA is giving anti-Sandista insurgents fighting against the Nicaraguan Government. His remarks about Nicaragua have been interpreted as meaning that this

reaction to the President's speech will place almost im-mediately when the House Intelligence Committee meets to consider a proposal to sever covert military aid to Nicara-guan rebels. The proposal instead proposes overt aid to friendly nations to help stem the flow of weapons to guerrillas

in El Salvador.
Senor Miguel D'Escoto, Nica-ragua's Foreign Minister, yester-day branded President Reagan a liar and predicted that Congress would block his request for additional aid to fight left-wing forces in the region. Appearing on American television via satellite he declared: "We don" have any foreign troops at all."

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Assurance to Congress of no combat troops

form President Reagan's address on Central America to a joint session of congress on

called for armed protest marches throughout the country in onic aid from rich countries,
response to an appeal by especially the United States,
president Reagan for more then it would not be in the Administrations, the United States has been increasing its defence of freedom in the Caribbean basin. SAN SALVADOR: General Engenio Vides Casanova the Defence Minister, said the Democracy is beginning to take root in El Salvador which, entil a short people and armed forces of El Salvador were grateful to President Reagan for his efforts time ago, knew only dictatorship. The new Government is now delivering on its promises of democracy, reforms, and free shore up democracy in

Central America. Reuter re-The people of El Salvador are earning their freedom and they deserve our moral and material He said Mr Reagan's call would "wake the consciousness support to protect it.
The Sandinista revolution of the American people to the

The Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua turned out to be just an exchange of one set of autocratic rulers for another, and the people still have no freedom, no democratic rights, and more proverty. Even worse than its predecessor, it is helping Cuba and the Soviets to describilities are hemisphere. MOSCOW: Tass accused Mr Reagan of smearing the Nicaraguan Government and of shifting blame for tension in Central America, Reuter and

estabilize our bemisphere. But let us be clear as to the "He alleged that the United Government of Nicaragua. We do not seek its overthrow. Our interest is to insure that it does not infect its States and the entire Western world faced a terrible danger as a result of the revolutionary neighbours through the export of subversion and violence. Our development of the region. purpose, in conformity with American and international law, is to prevent the flow of arms to El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Costa Rica. ■ LONDON: Mr Denis Healey the Opposition spokesman

Some people talk as though the United States were incapable of acting effectively in international affairs without risking war or

damaging those we seek to help.

Are democracies required to remain passive while threats to their security and prosperity accumalate? Must we just accept the destabilization of an entire region from the Panama Canal to Mexico on our southern border?

... Let me say to those who invoke the memory of Vietnam: there is no thought of sending American combat troops to Central America; they are not needed -indeed they have not been requested

. I offer these assurances: ... I offer these assurances: The United States will support any agreement among Central American countries for the with-drawal – under fully verifiable and

The following are extracts reciprocal conditions - of all foreign arm President Reagan's military and security advisers and

We want to help opposition groups join the political process in all countries and compete by ballots instead of bullets.

We will support any verifiable, reciprocal agreement among Central American countries on the renunciation of support for insurgencies on people was a support for insurgencies on people was a support for insurgencies. neighbours' territory.

And, finally, we desire to help
Central America end its costly arms

Central America end its costly arms race, and will support any verifiable, reciprocal agreements on the non-importation of offensive weapons.

To move us toward these goals move rapidly I am tonight announcing my intention to name an ambassador-at-large as my special envoy to Central America. He or she will report to me through the Secretary of State. The ambassador's responsibilities will be to lend US support to the efforts of regional governments to bring peace to this

governments to bring peace to this troubled area and to work closely with the Congress to assure the fullest possible bipartisan coordi-nation of our policies toward the What I am asking for is prompt

what I am asking for its prompt congressional approval for the full reprogramming of funds for key current economic and security programmes so that the people of central America can hold the line against externally supported ag-agression.

prompt action on the supplemental request in these same areas to carry us through the current fiscal year, and for early and favourable congressional action on my requests for fiscal year 1984. Finally, I an asking that the bipartisan consensus, which last year acted on the trade and tax provisions of the Caribbean basin initiative in the Manual Property of the Manual Pro-

initiative in the House, again take the lead to move this vital proposal the lead to move this vital proposal to the floor to both chambers. In sumination, I say to you that tonight there can be no question: The national security of all the Americas is at stake in Central America. If we cannot defend ourselves there, we cannot expect to prevail elsewhere. Our credibility would collapse, our alliances would crumble, and the safety of our homeiand would be put at jeopardy. We have a vital interest, a moral duty, and a solemn responsibility.



night's performance in Tokyo by Britain's inaugurated Austin Rover Japan, the car Royal Ballet. On her left is Prince Hiro, the company's new marketing operation, at a son of Japan's Crown Prince Akihito. ceremony in Tokyo.

Fatigue defeats farm ministers

suggested by the West German

presidency, which would have had the effect of closing the gap

between prices for farmers in

weak currency and strong

currency countries, it proved in

the end impossible to overcome

Italian resistance to the idea.

which has already been fixed.

M Michel Rocard, the French

minister, blamed not only Italy

but Denmark for the break-

down. This was because the

Danish minister was resisting

Tiredness, technical detail, obstinacy and the threat of 3,000 angry French farmers between them put paid to attempts in Luxembourg throughout Wednesday night to agree on an EEC farm price

package for the year ahead. After 17 hours of discussion the 10 ministers just could not find the political and physical will to go on ploughing through

remaining detail.

At 9 am yesterday they gave up and adjourned the argument until May 16. Then they climbed wearily into their cars and drove off through barricades the Luxembourg police were already erecting to protect the area from the coachloads of French farmers known to be converging on Luxembourg.

The marathon session had tantalizingly close to reaching agreement on the main argument over the levels of farmers.
"green rates" which adjust farm
This v prices by taking account of differences in currencies.

ifferences in currencies: emergeo someway.

But despite a skilful manipulusioned with proceedings.

The common agricuctural

lation of the rules being

This was the first marathon session for M Rocard, and he policy was in danger of collapsing under the weight of its own contradictions, he said. It just could not compete against the commune system of the Eastern block on the one hand and the intensive american system on the other.

M Rocardis, of all the Britain, too, lodged a protest ministers, under the most been unfair because it did not intensive domestic pressure to treat all farmers equally. Mr Peter Walker, the British Agrireach a settlement. Farmers all over France have begun a culture Minister, wanted assurcampaign of disruptive demonstrations in protest at the delay in fixing the price package, which ought in theory to be ance that the suggested green rate manipulation would not push the price of the settlement agreed by April 1 each year. above the 4.2 per cent average,

There was no doubt on the part of the Luxembourg authorities that the demonstrators on their way to the meeting were prepared to do more than mount a peaceful lobby. Officials, staff and journalists at the given an extra rise to French pig meeting were given special maps to help them find their way past the road blocks being erected round the Council meeting place and troops were being mobilized to mount guard.

8,000 medical students march on Paris

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

Thousands of students marched through the streets of Paris yesterday, but without the violent incidents of Wednesday, when police fired tear gas and water cannon on right-wing law students. More demonstrations by the students have been called

for today. The main demonstration yesterday was by 8,000 medical students who have been on strike since February 14 in protest against proposed study reforms. They kept order with their own policing system, complete with radio control patrols, while the riot police

kept their distance.

A demonstration by about
5,000 left-wing students, mainly
from arts and social science
faculties, was also policed by
fellow students. Similar demonstration in section of the section of strations, in protest against the Government's plans to introduce a selective examination at the end of the second year in university, were held at Caen, Angers and Dijon. M Max Gallo, a government

spokesman, said that the police had been given orders to protect the functioning of state instiminutes on Wednesday as

and customs posts and seizing lorries carrying imported agricultural produce. Thousands of tons of butter, pork, ham, strawberries, vegetables and flowers were dumped on the

roads and destroyed.
At Lannion, Brittany, police fired tear gas and water cannon as about a 100 farmers, attacked tutions. The National Assembly the police station early yesterwas suspended for a few day morning.

> The main overall demand agreed was for a doubling of the

Community's social regional funds, which are the main

weapons in the hands of the

Nobody claimed that this

Commission for launching projects to create jobs.

package of resolutions was in

any way a miracle cure for

unemployment, and the Social-

ists and French communist

groups were so annoyed at what they felt was the weakness of the

main resolution was that they voted against it. Sir Fred Catherwood, Con-

servative MEP for Cambridge, said afterwards that the most

important contribution which

the community could make

towards solving the unemploy-

stable currency.

ment problem was to build a

He would be pressing the

British Government to help by becoming full members of the European Monetary System.

Christmas tree used as bribe

Ecuador

landslide

buries 100 Quito (Reuter) - More than 100 people were feared killed

when an avalanche of mud and rocks buried lorries and buses on: a highway in southern

In a report from the scene of the disaster in Chimborazo province, 180 miles south of

Quito, a government spokes-man said it was perhaps the

worst such catastrophe in

Ecuador. President Osvaldo Hurtado said he would super-

vise rescue operations by police, troops, firemen and civil de-

The size of the tragedy

has the Government and all

Ecnadoreans overwhelmed with The Interior Ministry re

ported earlier that 12 bodies had been recovered from the scene of the landslide, which

blocked about 500 yards of the

main highway between Quito and Cuenca, the country's third

fence personnel.

Moscow (Reuter) - A Soviet airport official has been jailed for 12 years for helping to smuggle cultural treasures from the Soviet Uniton in return for

The trade union daily Trud said the official used flight staff of the state airline Aeroflot to smuggle abroad precious handwoven carpets, silverware and other valuables in return for cash, cognac, chocolates and even a Christmas tree.

Delhi deadline

Delhi (Reuter) - The Indian Government gave Sikh religious authorities one week to hand over a murder suspect believed to be sheltering in the holiest Sikh shrine, the Golden Temple at Amritsar in Punjab state. A police deputy inspector-general was killed outside the temple entrance on Monday.

Boys in skirts

Fontana, California (AP) When Fontana High School banned shorts, some 60 male students protested by coming to school in dresses and miniskirts. A student spokesman "the girls can be comfortable in mini-skirts when it's warm, but

'Ghandi' award

Rome (AP)-Sir Richard Attenborough, the director of Ghandi, won the "European David" prize here for promoting "the ideals of brotherhood and humanity." His film on the life of the Indian statesman also won three nominations for Italian academy awards in July.

Rugby 'crusade'



M Albert Ferrasse, president who says he plans a trip to South Africa soon to seek a meeting with Mr P W Botha, the Prime Minister, to speak out against apartheid. He announced his "personal cru-sade" after meeting President Mitterand whose objection stopped a planned French rugby

Friends again

Los Angeles (Reuter) - Karen Eklund, a model, said here that she has dropped a £3m "Pali-r mony" action against theh filmactor, Nick Nolte. "This has made me one of the happies women in the world," she said. adding that they had been

Two executed

Vienna (Reuter) - Two men. have been executed in Czechosh lovakia for murder, the Comid munist Party daily Rude Pravio reported. They were found guilty of killing the cashier of h Prague company during

Famine relief

Geneva - Three planeloads of dried whole-milk arrived in Ethiopia as part of emergency aid for children and mothers in the drought-stricken provinces of Gonder, Wallo and Tigrai, a spokesman for the World Food Programme said here,

£8,000 ache

Manila (AP) - A cour ordered two surgeons to pay about £8,000 in damages for leaving a 5in pair of forceps in a patient's stomach for over two years. The man had complained of stomach ache.

Youth and age

Washington (AP)-President Reagan laughed off a comment by Mr Tip O'Neill, Speaker of the House of Representatives that the President was too old at 72 to seek another term. "It's just a youthful mistake on his part," he said. Mr O'Neill is 70.

The President said the United States was partly to France lifts clamp on videos

From Diana Geddes Paris

France announced yesterday that it had lifted its sixth-month-old restrictions on the importation of video cassette recorders, more than 90 per cent of which come from Japan, but at the same time issued a warning that further measures would be taken against Japanese imports if France's foreign trade with Japan did not improve.

Last year France had a deficit with Japan of 12,000m francs (£1,000m), up from 7,000m. francs in the previous year. The Government's decision last October to "centralize" customs clearance for video imports in a single, out-of-the-way customs post at Poitiers, 200 miles south-west of Paris, was intended as a symbolic warning to Japan and a measure to aid the French video industry.

Video cassette imports, which had been flooding in at a rate of nearly 3,000 a day, were reduced to a trickle. In lifting the restrictions, France has not set any quota on imports, but it is hoping that Japan will voluntarily limit them

Mme Edith Cresson, Minister for Trade, said yesterday that the Government would "not hesitate to take other measures of the same type" if the trade deficit between the two coun-



Admirals brief the ambassador: Admirals Staveley (left) and McDonald with Signor Eric da Rin (centre).

Nato has 'only half the warships' it needs

Nato's two leading naval commanders complained yesterday of being up to 50 per cent short of the warships they need in the Atlantic and English

Channel A long-standing need for more frigates and destroyers has been sharpened by the preoccupation of some member countries with out-of-area operations like that around the Falklands according to Admiral Wesley McDonald, Supreme Allied

Commander Atlantic. But he and Admiral Sir William Staveley of the Royal Navy who is Nato's Com-

mander-in-Chief in the Eastern lian vessels like trawlers and helicopters, to the South Atlan-Atlantic and Channel, also pointed to "a terrrible shortage" of mine warfare vessels, with only three coastal minesweepers coming into service.

available to patrol the US coast. The two men briefed Nato representatives, including Ambassador Eric da Rin, the Italian deputy secretary-general of the alliance, at Admiral Staveley's underground command post at Northwood, Middlesex, which was also operational headquarters for

Both Britain and America

have been commissioning civi-

last year's Falklands War.

pleasure craft to complement tic last year had the Falklands new high-technology mine counter-measures vessels now Both admirals are urging member countries to raise their

force levels after analysing the requirements to be met in the North Atlantic. Admiral McDonald identified the submarine fleet as the most dire threat" facing the alliance. Britain, he disclosed, had been preparing to take the Arapaho, an American experi-mental container ship con-

verted to carry anti-submarine

fighting continued.

At a press conference held after their classified briefing of the representatives, he spoke of being short of about 60 escort vessels of one kind or another in the Atlantic. America was trying to raise

its own force level by building up a 600-ship navy, against strong competition for funds in Congress. But the recent fleet of more than 400 hulls had to be compared with the 975 in service in the late 1960s, he

Watered-down jobs pact given MEPs' approval From Our Own Correspondent Brussels

European action and great per cent of their gross national cooperation between member product to joint investment

The European Parliament for a modest reflation by esterday voted through a much countries with stronger econwatered down "employment omies, and turned down his pact" for the Community which suggestion that national governments should commit at least 1

states to settle the unemploy- projects. ment problem. held in Brussels and attracted the highest-ever attendance of

The big turnout of 364 of the 434 members underlined Parliament's concern about the subject. But the resolution they agreed after two days of debate were immediately condemned by Mr George Debunry, general-secretary of the 30 millionstrong European Trade Union confederation, as being inad-

The resolution, he said, did not give sufficient warning to the Council of Ministers and the Commission that they should do something to tackle the problem. He did not believe the proposals themselves contained anything which could help

improve the situation. The centre-right majority within the Parliament votes down all references in the final resolution to the idea of increasing public spending to

based on the report drawn up by Mr Estratios Papaeistration of the Greek People's Party. But the Parliament rejected his call

create jobs,
The main resolution was

● Lead-free zone: A motion calling on the European Commission to rush through proposals which would make the EEC a "lead-free petrol zone" will be placed before the Parliament in June.

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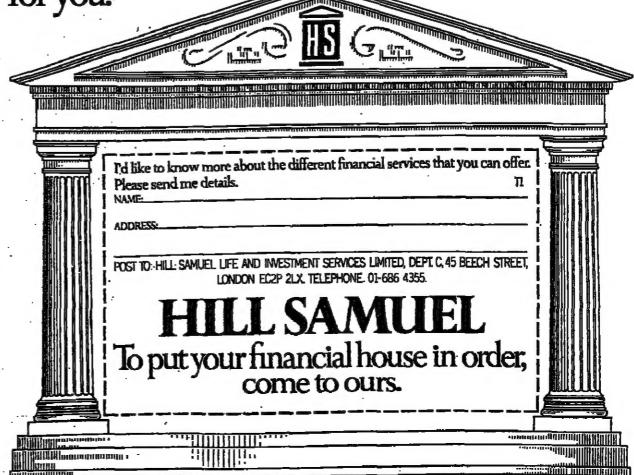
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Spanish coup officers have prison terms upheld or heavily increased

The Spanish Supreme Court yesterday upheld the maximum sentences of 30 years imprisonment on two senior Army officers for their role in the attempted coup of February. 1981, and raised the sentence of a third officer. General Alfonso Armada, from six to the maximum 30 years.

The authorities had appealed to the Supreme Court against sentences handed down last June by a military court martial on 33 people involved in the

The Supreme Court increased the sentences in 21 of the 33 cases brought before it, only one of which concerned a civilian. It also quashed the acquittals of all eight parliamentary civil guard lieutenants who helped to storm Parliament, dismissing the military judges' findings of due obedience to superior orders as contrary to military

Senor Juan Garcia, the only civilian was found guilty of conspiring in a military re-bellion and had his two-year sentence confirmed.

Five more senior officers, headed by General Luis Torres. had the court martial findings changed from conspiracy to active participation in military rebellion. General Torres was accepted the arguments of the given 12 years instead of six, and Colonel Jose San Martin received 10 years instead of Juan Carlos) was jointly respon-

Seven of the eight Civil



Above: Generals Armada (left) and del Bosch, 30 years guilty, they will do their prison each. Below: Colonel Tejero (left), 30 years, and General



Vicente cighth. lieutenant Ramos, was given two years. The Supreme Court agreed with the prosecution argument that his manhandling in Parliament rebel against the constitutional of the then deputy prime order with impunity, minister in charge of defence Certainly the findings undermatters and an army general could not go unpunished.

So the seven civilian judges

prosecution that General Arma-di (at one time secretary to King sible for the rebellion with Lieutenant-General Jaime Guard lieutenants received one Milans del Bosch, the former year prison sentences. The Valencia Captain-General and

Lieurenant-Colonel Antonio Justice, the body which formed Tejero, who led the civil guards last year's court martial. in storming Parliament, whose 30-year sentences were con-

firmed yesterday. General Milans, aged 68 and head of a military family over generations with great prestige in extreme right-wing military and civilian circles, General Armada, aged 63, and Colonel Tejero will be dismissed the service. Like all those found terms in military establish-

The trial itself could not under the law be held before the civilian courts in the initial stages, and the officers cannot be sent to civilian jails because the code of military justice has vet been reformed by

The findings, coming just over two years and two months after Parliament and the full Cabinet were held hostage for 18 hours, were pronounced by Senor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, as "extra-ordinarily clear and absolutely respectable". He said the court's message was that no one could

lined the leniency of the military tribunal last June and amply justified the appeal filed immediately afterwards by the Centre Democrat Government of the day. However, they

scribed as "very hard" by Lieutenant-General Nanual Esquivias, president of the citizen's fundamental Supreme Council of Military deemed infringed.

Though promising to accept the findings, General Esquivias said the civilian court appeared to have applied maximum sentences "where we awarded the minimum ones". The the minimum ones". The military council is to review the findings next week.

The Supreme Court left open an appeal to the Government to commute the maximum sentences, as the council of military justice recommended last year.

Its 240-page finding which was broadcast live by Spanish radio, rejected the procedural complaints of the defence. The plotters' use of terrorism and the docume of acting out of necessity, could not justify attacking Parliament or the constitutional set-up, the judges

The Supreme Court gave a five-day period to those found guilty to file elemency periuons to the Government. No decision has yet been taken by the military authorities where to send those found guilty, but some castles in the military's charge have been recently refurbished.

however, have already served their prison terms awaiting trial.
Defence counsel said that
they are to appeal to Spain's
constitutional court which. while not an appeal court against yesterday's findings, does have jurisdiction if a citizen's fundamental rights are

The Civil Guard officers,



Twin's gift of a baby

Magali Crozel (left), aged 31, smiling at her twin sister, Christine, in Montuelier last November, as they awaited the birth of Magoli's child. On Wednesday in Nimes, Magali, who is sterile, had a son produced by Christine, whohad been artificially inseminated by Magali's husband, Diana Geddes

Magali, who suffered

cravings of her sister during the pregnancy, was present throughout the birth of Stephane. She said she had no problems feeling that he was her own child.

As the twins were produced from a single egg and have identical genes, Stephane will have the same genetic make-up as if he had been produced by Magali.

Insults and | Greece fails punches traded at rising tide of strikes Botha rally

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg Punches and insults were traded at a rally addressed by Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, in Pretoria on Wednesday night, reflecting the increasing bitterness of the political campaigning in the run-up to four crucial by elections in the Transvaal on

May 10. Tension at the rally attended by about 1,500 people mounted as Mr Botha was repeatedly heckled by members of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), or Afrikaner Resistance Movement, an ultra-racist and undisgnisedly fascist organization with a swastikalike emblem and black shirt

youth wings. Supporters of Mr Botha's roling National Party pulled one heckler roughly to the ground as he tried to question

the Prime Minister.
Mr Botha called one of his tormemors and orang-utan and referred to others as "white barbarians". He said he would asking Mr Louis le Grange, Minister of Law and Order, 10 conduct an immediate investi-gation into the AWB, adding "We cannot allow these people to spread disorder".

The meeting was held in the well-to-do Waterkloof suburb of Pretoria where, the main challenge to the Government on May 10 will come from the liberal and stannehly anti-apart-heid Progressive Federal Party.

The four by-elections, three of them to parliamentary seats and one to a Provincial Council seat, are seen as a crucial test of right-wing opposition to the Government's modest consti-tutional reforms, which would give a strictly qualified fran-chise to the mixed-blood and. Indian

minorities.

Mr Botha has announced that the Draft Constitution Amend-ment Bill will be presented to

It was originally supposed to have been presented before the Easter Recess, and the delay led to charges that the Government was afraid to disclose details before the by elections.

After the meeting Mr Botha called on the breakaway Con-

to check

From Mario Mediano

The Greek Governments resourceful efforts to check the rising tide of Labour warest have apparently yielded no results, despite the invocation of external threats to the nation methodical attempts to divide the strikers, and even a veiled warning that they would be mobilized and forced back to

The crews of 1.700 Athens public buses are staging wildcar strikes during peak traffic hours, demanding higher pay. They have been joined by the capital's 15.000 taxi drivers who are unhappy about taxes.
Tourist coaches were brought in to relieve the ensuring chaos, but confusion grew as the state television broadcast misleading reports that the bus strike was

Private school teachers have been on strike for three weeks pressing for greater job protec-tion, while hospital doctors began a two-day stoppage yesterday because the Govern-ment is holding up a new health Bill which grants them higher salaries.

The Government has reacted against this unrest with a sledgehammer, probably because these are sensitive areas where strikes provoke anti-government feelings. The inner Cabinet met and decided to mobilize bus crews, after first giving them a chance to recant.

The ruling Pasok party's executive under Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, put out a stern statement Just as the government of change is fighting the battle for national independence and the protection of Hellenism, one is astounded by this sudden eruption of strikes".

A few hours later, as the Government released telegrams from trade unions promising to stage no strikes while national independence was at stake, a big diplomatic row erupted with the United States about the future of the American bases in Greece and American military aid to Greece and Turkey.

More and more Greeks now suspect that the US-Greek crisis was attrificial, the more so since servative Party to tell South
Africa that it had severed all
links with the AWB.

The AWB, founded in the
carly 1970s, has links with the
pro-Nazi organization which
pro-Nazi organization which
controlled General Confederation of Greek Workers.

At the root of the current 1983 which the Government

opposed South Africa's entry into the Second World War. and to which Mr Botha himself Election background, page 12 | seems' determined to enforce. Soares weighs chances of forming coalition From Susan MacDonald, Lisbon

or Poru yesterday had his first meeting with Dr Mario Soares, the Socialist Party leader, after his

qualified victory in Monday's general election. Dr Soares said afterwards that he had expressed concern over the country's economic situation and the need for a national consensus to resolve

the crisis. As the election results did not give the Socialist Party an overall majority and Dr Soares has stated that he will not form a minority government, he has taken a first step of sending out about 60,000 circulars asking his party members whether they prefer a coalition with the right-wing Christian Democrats, the centre Social Democrats or the Moscow-orientated Communist

Answers must arrive at party headquarters by next Thursday

political council meeting on the following Saturday will coalition negotiations begin However, the Socialists have

ready turned down a Communist Party offer to hold talks on forming a left-wing coalition saying that the offer surprises them after the anti-Socialist campaign mounted by the Communists before the election. Since 1976. Dr Soares has consistently spoken out against having the Communists in the

The most obvious coalition partners would be the Social Democrats, but internal squabbling makes it unclear whether they will agree to help

Dr Soares would also like the Bank of Portugal to outline the state of the economy and plans to hold talks with unions and management in the hope of agreeming future strategy.

Sakharov may take Vienna job

Moscow (Reuter) - Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident Soviet nuclear physicist, may have changed his mind about not emigrating to the West and may take up a university post offered to him in Vienna, diplomatic sources in Moscow said yesterday.

They said that the attitude of the Soviet authorities was not yet known but there had been indications in the past that he would be granted an exit visa if he asked of one. The sources were comment-

ng on a report at Vienna University had offered the Nobel Prize laureate a visiting professorship. Professor Peter Weinzierl, the

head of the university's Institute for Experimental Physics was quoted as saying that he believed there was a great possibility that the Soviet authorities would allow Mr Sakharov to leave.

One diplomat here said: "In the past there never appeared to be any problems about visas, it was simply that Sakharov did not want to go. There is strong evidence he may have changed his mind"

Dr Sakharov was sent into internal exile in the city of Gorkiy in January, 1980, Since then his wife, Mrs Yelena Bonner, has travelled regularly to Moscow and re-ported that her husband was finding it difficult to continue his work as a physicist because Polish border he was cut off from information began at once.

Mafia stops Mass by archbishop From Peter Nichols

Cardinal Pappalardo, Archbishop of Palermo, was pre-vented by the Mafia fromsaying Mass in the city's prison, it was learnt in Rome yesterday. The Cardinal is an outspoken

opponent of the Mafia and is credited with much of the responsibility for the Pope's strong condemnation during the Papal visit to Sicily last autumn.

On Saturday the Cardinal went to say Mass at Ucciardone prison, notoriously controlled by members of the Mafia held there. Even ministerial officials admit that this is the reason why it is one of the quiest o Italy's prisons, even though it is in a city suffering from increasing crime.

The Mafia's word within the prison is law, even if the law itself has difficulty being heard.

On Saturday all the prisoners refused to go to Mass, no doubt under pressure from the Mafia elements. So the Cardinal had to leave, very sorrowfully, according to close associates,

Miners trapped

Prague (AP) - Eleven miners were trapped underground in a cave-in at a coal mine in northern Moravia near the Polish border. Rescue work

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New Zealand Prime Minister, up everywhere like a bad was yesterday again using the penny", one official said. "It is royal tour as an exercise in really incredible. In no other gathering support for his ailing

He has been doing it since the Prince and Princess of Wales arrived in New Zealand nearly two weeks ago. Muldoon's actions have caused annoyance and embarrassment to royal

Day after day the squat figure of Mr Muldoon had in the wake of the Prince and Princess, being seen prominently at functions no other national leader would dream of

attending
Mr Muldoon prefers royal
walkabouts, He shakes hands
with the crowd waiting to see the royal couple, chats, cracks jokes in the manner of a local MP visiting a village fete.

In Christchurch yesterday, icy rain did not deter the Prime Minister from continuing with what many observers have called blatant politicizing. Nor did Mr. Muldoon mind using the occasion to give a couple of

radio interviews.
Standing in the street between the crowds he talked to the BBC - there might be a few. New Zealand voters in Britain and to a local radio station. The tour officials will not publicly

Mr Robert Muldoon, the is an embarrassment. He turns country do you get this. A prime minister is only seed on state occasions and certainly not on walkabouts. They are for the royal visitors and the public not for politicians."

The reason for Mr Muldon's search for every possible vote is the slipping popularity of his government and the fact that next year is election year. In a public opinion poll released yesterday. Mr. Muldoon's National Party received 31.3 per cept support per cent support.

The Labour Party, under its new leader, Mr David Lange, was elate about its support, which stood at 52.4 per cent. The small Social Credit Party received 8.3 per cent.

Mr Muldoon's persnal popularity has slipped from 38.9 percent in a February poll to 34.8 per cent yesterday. Mr Lange scored 30.3 per cent.

CHRISTCHURCH: Yesterday the Prince and Princess of Wales walked about in the rain yet again, in the heart of Christchurch, before going on to the Air Force base at Wigam to watch a flying display, Grania Forbes of the Press Association reports. Pince Charles wore his admit the Mr Muldoon has uniform of Air Commodore in been anything but the ideal. Chief of the New Zealand Air host. But privately they say he Force.



Mini-hijack fails: Gene Kartz, of White Plains, New York, is searched on the ground by a policeman at Albany after trying to hijack the diminutive commuter aircraft to Portland, Maine.

Police called in as 29th heart drug baby dies

Toronto police are investigating the death of a baby whose body has been found to contain excessive levels of the powerful heart drug Digoton.

The death on Saturday of seven-month-old Gary Murphy, of Kitchener, Ontario, is the latest of 29 infant deaths at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children linked to possible overdoses of the drug.

Only the day before Mr Roy IcMurry, the Ontario McMurtry, the Ontario Attorney-General, announced a public inquiry into the deaths of the other 28 babies, which occurred between July, 1980, and March, 1981. All the deaths have occurred in the hospital's cardiac ward.

At least seven are believed to have been caused by deliberate overdoses of Digoxin.

Nurse Susan Nelles, was discharged on four charges of first-degree murder after a preliminary hearing last May. The judge ruled that there was insufficient evidence to send the

doubt that at least some of the infants had been murdered. Miss Nelles has been on paid

leave from the hospital since being discharged. The most recent deaths occurred despite a new drug distribution system at the hospital which allows only single doses of drugs such as Digoxin to be administered.

A coroner decided to call in the police after a post-mortem examination revealed levels of Digoxin

fires ravaging Japan

Tokyo (Renter) - nearly 15,000 firemen, troops and police using helicopters yesterday fought forest fires in northern Japan which have destroyed about 60 houses and made 240 people homeless.

The fires, which broke out in dry weather and were fanned by high winds on Wednesday, were yesterday still burning in five areas of northern Houshu, Japan's main island.

Six people were injured and 240 made homeless, mainly in the Pacific coast city of Kuji in Iware prefecture, and in districts near Sendai city in Miyagi

On Wednesday night, about 1,000 people were evacuated from Kuji and a town nearby when the wind drove the flames

close to their homes.

About two dozen fires broke out in mountainous northern Honshu on Wednesday. One began as a controlled burningoff operation by woodmen, but sudden high winds turned it

● YOKOHAMA: Scaborne traffic in Yokohama port, one of the world's busiest, was halted for more that two hours yesterday after a tanker colli-sion caused highly inflammable naphtha to leak into the water,

Reuter reports. Traffic in Yokohama port resumed after most of the leaked naphtha had vaporized, carrying 1,276 kilolitres of naphtha.

15,000 fight | Police save Valencia leader from lynch mob

From Harry Debelius Madrid

Hundreds of policemen took ... part in the rescue of the battered 9 and bruised Senor Joan Lerma, the Chief Minister of the Valencia Region's home-rule sovernment, from a lynchminded mob that surrounded a ... cinema where the Socialist politician was to have delivered

a campaign speech.

According to reports reaching there yesterday. Señor Lerma as was insulted on Wednesday. night by a crowd estimated by the police at between 6,000 and 45 7.000, outside the cinema in the steel town of Sagunto, near de Valencia. It is here that the Government plans to close down part of the money-losing, state-owned Altos Hornos del Mediterraneo mill.

The incident was the most its serious so far since the campaign began for nationwide...: municipal elections and some regional elections to be held on

As the crowd moved in and attacked Senor Lerma, his bodyguards and the policemen on duty surrounded him and moved into the relative safety

of the cinema. Two shots were reported to have been fired in the scuffle

but no one was hurt. Members of the Socialist of Youth Movement blamed the violence on the Communist Workers' Commissions, the Communist Party and the Conservative Popular Alliance.

Clash of ideologies

Warsaw's liberals take on hardliners

A party meeting, writes the Soviet satirist Vladimir Voinovich, is an arrangement where-by a large number of people gather together, some to say. what they really do not think, some not to say what they really

And such, we can safely predict, will be the course of plenary session of Poland's Communist Party Central Communistee, due to begin in the next few weeks.

The real battle is being fought now, in the factories and the press, with a remarkable venom. The subject of the session is ideology, that is, the continued relevance of Marxism-Leninism to the problems facing Poland. Not, one might think, a subject that need detain anybody for very long.

it is possible, indeed customary, to reduce the protagonists in this conflict to those Marxists committed to more or less radical economic reform accompanied by much milder political adjustments (liberals), and those dogmatic Marxists whose suspicion of change overrides even their disap-proval of the status quo

(hardliners). The reason that this conflict has more than theatrical quality is the choice of weapons, with the hardliners building up support by preying on the fears of workers who have seen their standard of living collapse in

the past year.
The Government, with the support of the liberals, is trying to introduce an economic reform which decentralizes some parts of the economy, giving management more initiative and workers more say management more in production. But at the same time it is trying to pull the country out of crisis.

These are two separate processes, but in the imagin-ation of many workers they have fused into one. Reform is. being identified with unrewarded sacrifice. The dogmatic Marxists have

scented the discontent, voiced loudly enough at a recent meeting between 2,000 workers and General Jaruzelski, and are representing themselves as the true standard-bearers of the working class. This may besincerely meant but it is, say the liberals, undermining popular confidence is reform in the very place it counts - the factory.

from three different directions.

opposition in Poland - that is, the Solidarity underground was largely intellectual and should be dealt with accordingly. The Government should be trying to win the support of the populace and thus isolate the intellectuals, rather than hit them over the head, a policy much favoured by the hard-liners or the ideological liners, or the "ideologica gendarmerie", as he calls them.

US broadcasts 'slanderous'

Warsaw (NYT, AFP) - The Polish Government fold the US yesterday that American radio broadcasts to Poland were aggressive and slander public by the PAP news agency, said Polish-language broadcasts by the Voice of America and by Radio Free Europe were intended destabilize the situation

The Polish Foreign Ministry has also closed the American library in Warsaw for showing films and tele-vision programmes defaming the Polish Government.

The second line comes from Mr Ludvik Krasucki, an editor of the ideological journal Nowe Drogi. Writing in the weekly Polityka, he makes clear that he considers the hardliners and their "populist demagogy" as more of a threat to the policies of General Jaruzeiski than those who quietly sympathize with Solidarity.

The third, more scholarly,

line of attack comes from Mr Władysław Markiewicz, a noted professor of sociology, who in a recent interview indicated that the sectional loyalty of the hardliners, above all to the party bureaucrais most threat ened by reform, bad blinded them to the reality that Socialism can be creatively reformed.

It remains to be seen whether this unusually sharp in fighting will lead to adjustments Most liberals argue that

General Jaruzelski is firmly in the saddle and can ride out a bout of criticism, although they admit that the hardliner will never be stamped out

The hardliners argue, in the jargon of child psychology, that they are misunderstood they The liberals have hit back are not pushing to take over power, or sabotage policies. Colonel Stanislaw Kwiatkowski. They simply believe that more who heads the Government's rather than less Socialism is new public opinion research what will solve Poland's centre, wrote recently that the internal problems.

Swedes launch protest over Baltic crackdown

Sweden yesterday launched a . Sweden also announced yesfresh protest against the Soviet terday that it would not be Union, this time over a attending the May Day parade crackdown by the authorities in in Moscow's Red Square. There the Baltic republics of Estonia, was jubilation among MPs over the Baltic republics of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia.

journalists in Stockholm, the submarine violations Foreign Minister, Mr Lennart These developments seem to Bodstrom, referred to a recent be part of a drive by Mr Olof wave of arrests in the Baltic Palme's Social Democratic states and said Sweden was Government to counter alle-prepared to raise the matter gations in Western diplomatic before the United Nations circles that Sweden is soft on

Coming immediately after the recall of the Swedish Ambassador from Moscow and too far cast. the public denouncement of Soviet submarine incursions reports have been received into Swedish waters, the state- recently which point to a ment has done nothing to general intensification of conimprove deteriorating Swedish- trols in the Baltic states. Soviet relations.

the cancellation of a visit to In a toughly-worded state. Moscow by Danish Social ment sent to all foreign Democrats in protest at Soviet

Commission for Human Rights, communist abuse of power and that the country's traditional policy of armed neutrality leans

Mr Bodstrom said several

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Snooker changed when it was plucked from the clubs and reset on the living-room television. Now it faces new pressures. As the world championship reaches a climax, fortunes are at stake

Lords of the baize battlefield

By Neil Lyndon

"Don't you?"

greedy. I couldn't resist." The buyers paid him millions. He owned 16 snooker halls in Romford and the eastern outskirts of London. He was in "Women," he says. "Women. They're it for ten years, but "it's a very physical business, the halls." Now Barry Hearn is managing the affairs of Steve Davis, Tony Meo and Terry Griffiths because "it's fun", he says, because "we have a fabulous time" and because "they're going to gross a million quid this year. That's fabulous, isn't it?"

As the comet snooker accelerates into a measureless stratosphere of riches, many of its desperate hangerson are unhappy about the speeding changes they witness, and they pine for the vanished innocence in which they were more comfortable. Middle-aged men in shabby suits could often be overheard in Sheffield last week, backstage at the Crucible, condoling with each other and saying, "All the pleasure's gone, hasn't it? It's all so serious now. There's too much money involved." It is a familiar lament, which also rises from the sad amateurs who can no longer control, with unquestioned authority, the purse-strings of golf, tennis, cricket and

Barry Hearn is sitting very comfortably on the comet, as much a pilot as a passenger, personifying snooker's new order. Managing Steve Davis's earnings, he has recently bought land in Scotland and buildings in Bond Street. "You're talking about major invest-raents there. I think it's pathetic when a top sportsman says it's the height of his ambition to own a pub." Much of the income of Hearn's players derives from special appearances and commercial endorsements: clothing and "male perfumes" are about to appear, bearing and opera where the participan their names. "We don't do the clubs be seen smoking." Red herring.

The manager can play the game. "Not much any more. They can't afford uslike these guys. I mean, I'm not very The game's had about as much good. Except when I play for money. exposure in this country as it can take. Then I'm very hard to beat. For bets, you know, in billiard halls. I love that."

"Is the betting serious?"

"Depends if you call three or four thousand serious."

"Don't you?"

exposure in this country as it can take.

We're interested in developments overseas now. We went to Bangkok with Steve Davis and they went mad there. Mad. There was 40 foot high the thousand serious."

"Don't you?"

The manager is enjoying himself no The manager is very prosperous. In end. "Always have. I love it. I know it drizzly Sheffield, his fair face is ruddy sounds like All Our Yesterdays, but it with costly tan. His suit is richly heavy and hangs smooth to the millimetre. His silk tie, too new to make a tight knot, is a thirty-note touch. He recently sold his business. "I got we could cover our expenses. Now he's attrawe could cover our expenses. Now he's

Lhe sponsor is contented; the old hand is less happy

another 50 per cent of the market to

The sponsor is contented, too. Don Whiting sponsored events executive of be like Steve Davis. I'd be unstop-Imperial Tobacco, is confident that a pable, incomparable, if I was like more than adequate return is accruing to Embassy cigarettes for its outlay on the snooker world championship. This year, Embassy are putting up £135,000 in prize money and a further unspeci-fied amount for the organisation of the drink and telephones, dished out by handsome women all dressed in cigarette packet colours). Whiting hectically denies that Embassy's cause is helped by the players' furious smoking. "Red herring," he says. "We also sponsor events like rugby league and opera where the participants can't







ve, Alex Higgins, the people's champion, acknowledges their adoration; below left, Barry Hearn (left) with his defeated protégé Tony Meo (centre); below right, Bill Werbenink resigns himself to the force of the harricane

growing wealth of the game is attracting many new players, "expanding the pool of professionals". The old hand is less happy. Ray Reardon says: People are coming into the game solely for the money today. They win a game at Pontin's and they want to turn professional. Where's the love of the

Reardon, now 50, has been a professional for 30 years. "There was no money in it then. It was all in the clubs. But you had your social life and you looked after your opponent. I loved it, I still do. I'll still do the clubs.

not playing. See, when I get it right and I'm in charge of myself, then I'm unbeatable and I'm complete. Someonly just coming into it. There's times I go out there and I don't know what I'm doing or who I am. But I'm a Jekyll and Hyde and I can't control it; never have been able to. I wish I could

Two of the men apart are at the table, a fat man and a thin man. Bill Werbeniuk flops on to the table to make a shot and struggles to rise like a bull seal stranded on a rock. Alex tournament (some part of which will Higgins is a thin spring wired to be accounted for by a press room highest tension. He starts and quivers lavishly supplied with free food and at any noise in the auditorium. Knots and ganglia of nerves tremble in his face as he sits between breaks, far gone in wild dialogue between the sides of

aiming an obscenity at a reporter and book." The gentlemen of letters look coloured balls turns into an analogue

The sponsor is delighted that the withdrawing to his dressing room, owing wealth of the game is Werbeniuk has a stand-up row in the corridor with reporters from popular papers to whom he will not speak, he says, unless they give him a letter undertaking to print what he says, rather than what they invent. He will

Werbeniuk says that "this game of snooker that I'm participating in and which I love" is being "called down" by the popular papers and his pleasure is being spoiled. If he can't continue to enjoy the game, he says, he will leave it "I've already turned down two apportunities to set extremely rich opportunities to get extremely rich I'm negotiable."

The old hand says that one aspect of snooker has not changed. "Snooker players are a breed apart. They're not completely themselves when they're not players. See when they're not players. See when they're realised that there's very little differnot players. ence, after tax, between earning £200,000 and £400,000 and they're rushing up and down the country like yo-yos doing exhibitions and appearances when they should be practising."

As he is speaking, the door opens and one of the spurned reporters reappears to plead: "Forget about the mood merchants, Bill. Talk to the regular lade." lads. You'll be sorry if you don't."
Werbeniuk looks fierce. "I don't want to talk about it."

A white Rolls Royce chauffered by a boy in liveried grey awaits Werbeniuk at the stage-door. He stands by Blithe Spirit to pose for photographs, an Arbuckle grandee in his splendour, with children grimacing into the camera behind and a mad old man in a blue woolly hat making cueing gestures his play that he can stand no beside him.

In the press room, the unblinkingly Both the fat man and the thin man are very angry with the press. After one of their quarter-final sessions, Higgins of their quarter-final sessions, Higgins hurtles through the backstage area are all intolerable and about you is more than a puzzle of points as he hurtles through the backstage area are all intolerable from a glares and frets upon it the pattern of letters look.

uneasy. "I think that's a misinterpretation, Steve," says one. "Well, let's hope I can go on misinterpreting through the next two rounds."

Absent from all public discusssion is the snooker-hall scruff, the player himself. Davis and Werbeniuk may become nabobs of property and finance but Higgins will remain the urchin forever unreformed. By no means can he be anything but himself, neither more nor less than a snookerplayer. His attempts to dandify himself in spats and silks to match the rich sartorial exactness of young contenders

Liggins will remain the urchin, forever unreformed

like Tony Meo and Tony Knowles will always be thwarted by a body like a bag of sticks and an intensity of mental activity which mocks studied vanities

Like Bobby Fischer, Higgins is so engrossed in the mental exactions of interruption to the urgent chatter of his thoughts, so referees and reporters and

of his own mind and in playing snooker he is completely playing himself. He is the most cerebral of all players, indifferent to the remorseless tortures of drink and nicotine with which he batters his body.

Who was the television producer or director who saw, more than a decade ago, that snooker was perfectly designed for the aesthetics and the economics of the medium? Three studio cameras cut round the table with a limitless variety of shots; there are only two characters and a referee to pay, and a tight, intimate drama of competition is the focus. Pretty, too, with all those colours. He deserves a royalty from snooker. From Pot Black has grown a sporting industry which is the envy even of the mighty moneymakers of tennis and golf and which perfectly embodies the presiding principle which applies equally to motor-racing and boxing and tennis: the television audience is all; the suckers who go to sit and watch are merely fodder for the cameras. Dummies and taped crowd noises would do as well.

Snooker is not a sport for a large crowd of spectators and never was: it only works for a gathering of intimates, grouped closely around the table, squinting at the angles over the players' shoulders and making side bets on every play. The intimates gathered around the tables of the World Professional Snooker Cham-pionship are the millions of members of the television audience, for theirs is the magnified and close up view that every punter covets. The seated audience is an attendant cast of extras. waiting upon the rising and falling of princes who cae for matchless prizes. A sennet; loud noises off; enter two lords. left and right; they play for the championship of the world.

Dazzling...so much fun you won't realize you're learning something.

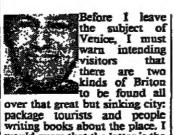


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Where Ruskin complained of the view of Browning



writing books about the place. I would guess that the latter is the bigger group. Even in one week met authors doing research for

the following titles:The Washing Lines of Venice.
The Cats of Venice,
Vanished Islands of Venice.
Places Where Ruskin Stayed.
Places Where Byron Didn't

Until these are written, most tourists make do with copies of either James Morris's Venice or G. Links's Venice for Pleasure, both excellent. You can tell they are excellent from the quotes on the covers.

Morris's book is "the best
modern book about a city I
have read" (Geoffrey Grigson).

Links's is "one of the most delightful and original guides ever written about the city - any city, for that matter", according to no less a man than James Morris. Not to be outdone, Bernard Levin calls it "not only the best guide-book to that city ever written, but the best guidebook to any city ever written."

MOREOVER... Wiles Kington

far the city's best twentieth-century chronicler". Levin does not seem to have written a book about Venice for Links to praise, but undaunted he recommends on p. 151 the

Vecia Cavana, favourite Vene tian restaurant of that well-known gourmet. Mr Bernard Levin. As I said, Britons in Venice are either package tourists or authors, and it is hard to say which is the tighterknit group.
This may explain why books

on Venice tend to treat buildings as important only if they have been visited by English writers. Ruskin stayed here, but did not like the view, is one famous comment. Byron first stayed here in Venice, is another, and seduced his landlord's wife. Browning did a lot of staying died here as well. Wagner moved from the gloomy Danieli hotel to the Palazzo Giustinian, where he cheered himself up by writing Tristen.
As we have been told so often, Venice is a very homo-

Perhaps feeling left out of things, Links himself on p. 95 of hit on an ingenious idea for not writing a book about Venice far the city's best twentieth myself. All the traveller needs is one sheet of paper to hold and read as walks round, to describe everywhere. Here it is.

> On your right, notice a large palazzo. Palazzo is the Italian word for an otherwise undistinguished house in which a famous English writer has stayed. Here Ruskin stayed for a while, though he left after complaining of the view of Browning opposite.
>
> Round the corner we will find a charming bridge, on which

James Morris once stopped a passer-by to ask him for the name of a good restaurant. The good-natured stranger, who was none other than Bernard Levin, tipped the Vacia Cavana, and even gave him several cards for the place, recommending the

spaghetti con cozze.

The canci which passes under the bridge was the scene of a strange naval disaster in the 1870s when Mr Wagner's grand geneous city, which is another way of saying that all the streets

and sank. It blocked shipping for eight months; after it had been raised Browning moved into it for a short while.

Pass on to No 3984, which was a convent until the early nineteenth century, but which was closed down after Byron had visited it and seduced most of the occupants. It is now a small museum dedicated to the memory of the Ruskins' dog, though it is not listed in any guide book perhaps because it has not been found open since 1927.

The next church is known to the locals as La Chiesa di San Roberto, after Browning who lived there briefly but had to leave after Ruskin (but not Wagner) complained about the noisy late parties. There is a pleasing portrait of Santa Camilla, with which Lord Byron is said to have fallen in love for a while, and a leaflet in English which was described by Bernard Levin, or perhaps J. G. Links, as the best guide to any church in Venice, or indeed the world.

Passing the next canel, along which Lord Byron swam in his heraic swim across Venice, we come to the palazzo in which Wagner wrote his tragic opera Ruskin.

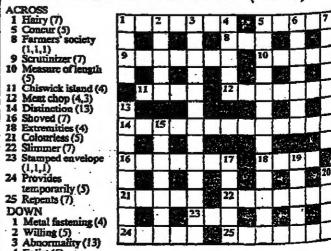
Conclude with a refreshing cup of coffee at the Bar di Giacomo Maurizio, named after James Morris but now renamed the Giannina Maurizio.

Next week in Spectrum

Monday: How Gorky Park was transplanted to Scandinavia

Tuesday and Wednesday: The heroin epidemic. Addiction figures are rising throughout Britain, thanks to cut-price imports from the Golden Crescent.

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FRIDAY PAGE

Gillian Moore finds more to be collected than the auctioneer knows

"This is the doing something with my life." The handsome middle-aged woman who had emolled on Sotheby's :Collectors' Week was a newcomer to the nuances of satinwood commodes and Japanese ivories. After 20 years of marriage to: a Scottish farmer she is a fine judge. of a Friesian cow or a coilie, but with a divorce behind her and a new-home in Kentish commuterland. those skills no longer count. Nobody wants to employ a woman in her forties without formal qualifications." The man she lives with wants to marry her but she resists being hustled willy-nilly into a second mistake. She discovered the pleasures of collecting last December when she fell in love with a Biedermeyer muror in an antique shop and found herself saying. "Iwant that. Why shouldn't I have it?" From that moment, she pinned her. hopes for a new start on antiques.

The first day of the course exploded her optimism. The experts' knowledge oppressed her. The prices they bandled about-outraged her. Worse, when she fished out the snapshots of her new purchases they shook, their heads disapprovingly. But by the end of the week she was buoyant again. Escaping from the claustrophobia of her emotional problems to meet new people had doubled her confidence.

Maybe the experts could summon

more fects, but her taste, she had decided, was as valid as theirs. She knows now that she is not too old to acquire a new talent and she is ready to try a spot of dealing. Her parting words: "I've come alive".

The agents of this revival were 10 of Sotheby's auction room experts who scampered through their specialities and discussed objects coming up for sale, Sotheby's run their Collector's Week four times a year as a public relations exercise toencourage new customers into the salcroom. It is very effective, they say, but it makes virtually no profit and might be at risk under a sterner new regime. All the same, at £150 it is no great bargain and the most prominent participants were wealthy collectors from Belgium, Singapore and America who were boning up for forthcoming sales.

Other women had come for less mercenary reasons. One was poised to direct her abundant energy to study after years of child-rearing and dutifully accompanying her bushend on his business trips. She had already thrown herself into flower arranging, mastered it and had her judge's certificate. Now she needed stronger meat. Another had escaped her teenage children and the kitchen stove to hover as near as she dared to the glitter of the London art

A third was an inveterate course taker, a single woman in her late thirties who had whiled away innumerable weekends and evenings on everything from bridge to-wine, There were, incidentally, a couple of



The romantic objects of art's desire

other had vanished by Monday

The mixed bunch of heiresses housewives and lonely-hearts being titillated with desirable objects by

Sotheby's are just the ton end of a booming leisure industry: NADFAS, the National Associa-tion of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies, occupies the middle range; Founded in 1968, it already boasts, 27,500 members and is still opening 27,500 members and is shill opening about 10 new branches a year. The mass market for instant culture is served by the National Trust Centres, independent local start porters chils for the National Trust which began in a small way in 1948, started mushrooming in the 1970s, and now have 100,000 members between them. Both NADFAS and the National Trust Centres put on the National Trust Centres put on lectures and study days on art and antiques, and organize guided trips and voluntary work. So who is consuming all this culture? The short answer is women.

every time.

NADFAS was founded by and for women and in the early years meetings were generally held during the day. Although men are admitted and meetings now often take place in the evening, males still make up-only 5 per cent of the membership. The National Trust Centres are a little more balanced, with member-

ship varying from 60 per cent to 90 per cent female according to the locality. The official programme of the course or the arts society is rarely what interests people most. They go along because their friends are doing it because they enjoy dressing up for candle-lit receptions, because there is a waiting list, or because they have mo better excuse for taking a breather from their families. Most often of all, they do it because they

Not that they would admit to such a fling at least not at first. A passion for art was always the official reason for being there, although few could remember quite when the spark was lit. ..

The officials of NADFAS and the National Trust Centres are equally disinclined to discuss people's motives for belonging, and naturally resist labelling themselves social services. There is always a pause and a new, reluctant tone when they allow themselves to admit that, yes, there are members for whom this is almost the only chance to see new

Little things can make or break a weekend away for an elderly single woman - things like whether she is obliged to share a room with somebody else. The National Trust centres make a point of arranging trips only to places where they can

accommodate single people in single

The big hotels that put on cultural events have a different formula for success. Their aim is to make the art so innocuous that you can even bring your husband along if you have one. When the Imperial at Torquay gets Arthur Negus down for an antiques weekend it wads the lectures between so many champagne receptions and gastronomic dinners that even the philistines could doze through them painlessly.

I went on a weekend of tours round country houses offered by the Grosvenor in Chester, along with two retired couples who wanted to see a fresh bit of countryside, a quiet widow and a pair of middle-aged newly-weds who were using the occasion to let off some steam.

At our communal dinner table the husband, barely out of earshot of his wife, gave his end of the table a lurid account of what she could expect if he ever caught her being unfaithful. Next day discretion returned and we concentrated on spying on the owners of the country houses, their dogs and their Sunday lunches, all of which afforded richer entertainment than their pictures and their Persian

One might have expected a more committed class of person to turn up in Worthing at one of the summer porcelain seminars arranged by Geoffrey Godden, chinaman and author of standard works in his field. And indeed the audience on my weekend included some dealers and serious collectors. But my neighbour was an elderly widow who confided that she had come to lessen the disppointment of two puppies she had bought not being delivered on the day they had been promised. She liked china, she often bought a piece as a souvenir when she went on holiday, and she had come with a friend a few months before to another of Godden's

She had been nervous of coming this time on her own in case nobody spoke to her. In the event, she managed to talk to strangers and enjoy herself, Godden is wise enough to lay on refreshments at frequent intervals to get the social wheels nurning.

If women were filling themselves

with art just for the sake of the company, one would feel desperately sorry for them sitting through all those words and slides in order to arrive at the coffee break. They must genuinely like what they are learning though otherwise they would have stayed with the ladies' uncheon club and the charity jumble sales. In entertaining themselves, they are keeping a great many museum curators and junior auctioneers in pocket money, even though the successes - and the boom in all these courses - must be rated more in terms of happy exchanges than of uplifted minds.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Persuasion at a premium



Persuading parents to have their childimmunized ren against diphtheria, polio and tetanus has become increasingly difficult since the scare over the

safety of the whooping cough vaccine. But just because there are fewer cases of these diseases now does not mean that the diseases have disappeared - the cases of diphtheria in London last year illustrate the

In America it is compulsory for all school children to be vaccinated -an approach that would be unlikely to make any headway in this country,

Joginder Kumar Anand, district community physician in Peterborough, has come up with a novel suggestion for persuading parents. Writing in the British Medical Journal last week he suggests a £5 premium bond should be offered to all children who have a complete course and a £15 bond to every girl leaving school who is vaccinated against German measles. Dr Anand admits the scheme would cost money but, he argues, there would presumably be savings in caring for ill and disabled

Drink deterrent



Doctors in Dundee are concerned that an initiative from the Department of Transport to track down problem drinkers who commit more than

more than one drink/driving offence may backfire because the department's selection test is too arbitrary. The department intends to look into the drinking habits of drivers who are found to have 200mg to

100ml of alcohol in the blood on two occasions in a ten-year period. Doctors working on the Tayside Safe Driving Project who have just published their own results in the British Medical Journal say that the 200mg to 100ml figure is arbitrary and does not really identify those drivers at risk – at two and half times the legal limit for drinking and

driving it accounts for only 5 per cent of all drink/driving offenders. Using a more sensitive blochemi-cal test the Tayside doctors have revealed, by taking two blood tests at a nine-month interval, that as many as a third of all drivers have a longterm drink problem - a much higher incidence of heavy drinking than in the general population. They also discovered a conviction does not deter the majority of people from drinking again.

The intention of the Department of Transport's initiative would be to rehabilitate problem drinkers: they would be banned from driving for three years and they would then have to prove they had overcome their drinking problems. Dr James Dunbar, who took part in the Tayside survey, believes it would be relatively easy for barred drink/drivers to mislead the court into believing they had controlled their drinking using the Department of Transport's

The biochemical test can reveal immediately whether a driver has stopped drinking or not.

Accusing Africa



been reported in the United States and although official UK figures are lacking, 22 cases have been seen in one London hospital alone - the heat is on for epidemiologists to find

As a consequence the traditional vehicle of medical debate - the letters pages of the learned journals.

have been ringing with ideas. No fewer than five letters to the Lancet

discussed the problem last week.

Three of them pointed an accusing finger at Africa where a condition similar to AIDS depressed immune defences which lay the sufferer open to infections and cancers - is endemic. The suggestion is that the

American AIDS epidemic has suddenly developed because a pathogen, probably a virus, common to other parts of the world has got into a very vulnerable and promiscuous population - most AIDS patients so far bave been homosexuals.

AIDS in a Danish surgeon working in Zaire and Zairian woman and her children are noted in the letters. Doctors at the Harvard School of Public Health point out that AIDS first appeared in Haitians (Haiti is a favourite holiday venue for American "gays") in 1979, the same year that African Swine Fever virus hit the island. Possibly a modification of that virus is the culprit, they suggest.

Diabetics at risk

The economic squeeze on the NHS has made the United Kingdom one of the worst places in Europe to be a diabetic with kidney disease. A third of Britain's 250,000 diabetics who need daily insulin injections to keep them alive will develop kidney problems later in life. Ten years ago few anywhere in Europe would have been treated because doctors doubted that therapy would do any good. Now, however, they acknowledge its benefits and, according to the latest statistics from the European Dialysis and Transplant Association - which keeps tabs on all kidney patients - the number European diabetics receiving a kidney transplant or dialysis has shot up twentyfold since 1976.

Not so in the UK, In the five years from 1976 there was only a threefold increase in the number of diabetics offered help. In 1981 still only 5 per cent of new kidney patients were diabetics, which contrasts sharply with the record in Scandinavia where the feure is north 19 per cent

the figure is nearly 19 per cent.
But for a new dialysis technique
the situation in Britain might have
been even worse. Nowadays 50 per
cent of diabetics with renal failure are put on to continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis. With this technique sufferers regularly put into their body cavity a special fluid which draws poisons out of the blood stream. The method is cheap because it can be done at home.

Mystery ingredient



The Nigerian equiburger, suva, is causing alarm to doctors in Lagos because a number of people are suffering from a peculiar form of

anaemia and jaundice after eating it. Suyu is a popular harbecued beefsteak sold in roadside stalls. Meat covered with a red powder which turns brown on cooking seems to be the culprit and the first ill effects occur a couple of days after It is not known what goes into the

powder - red suya has been in existence for many years - but there could be a new ingredient because patients with anaemic symptoms have been discovered only in the last couple of years.

The doctors who have traced the

iliness back to suya have written to the Lancet drawing the attention of the medical profession world wide to the puzzling diagnosis.

Their concern is because sufferers

have nearly all bought their red suya in Shagamu - a crossroads town near Lagos airport. One patient has already been discovered in London.

Olivia Timbs and **Lorraine Fraser**

Olivia Timbs is editor of Med-economics and Lorraine Fraser is science editor of General

Shirley Lowe meets Twiggy as she begins the beguine on Broadway

It's like Fred and Ginger all over again . . ; innit?

Back in 1967, when she was 17, Twiggy made a film called Twiggy in New York to promote a range of clothes bearing her name: "Of cut this fringe meself," she told the crowd who admired her Minnehaha mini and nearly ethnic beadband. A man on the pavement was unimpressed: "She'll last a couple of weeks," he said.

Twiggy is now back in New York and on Sunday she opens on Broadway singing and dancing like Ginger to Tommy Tune's Fred in a remake and rewrite of Gershwm's Funny: Girl, retitled My One and Only. The Americans adore her - no mean achievement in a culture obsessed with the Dolly Partonpreview they stop the show and applaud wildly as she slips onto the stage in clinging white satin.

Twiggy at 33 is prettier than ever, and a more durable product than anyone in the '60s would have predicted. In fact, although she was professionally packaged and presented to the public by her ex-boyfriend and agent Justin de Villeneuve (Michael Davies for short) Twiggy turns out to be not a shownize product at all but a shownize her with the thoroughly nice girl with the guts and go and good looks to stretch a rather small talent as

That is where I found her, surrounded by pale pink flower-patterned Laura Ashley cushions and dozens of pictures of her four-year-old daughter, Carly - "The most important thing in my life."

Twiggy has never been much of a talker. "Of like it 'ere," she announced at one press conference soon after she arrived: Pressed for her reasons, she turned to Justin: "What do of like?" What she says is often unmemorable but her way of

naow' vowel sounds. She still has the accent, and speaking terribly posh on stage it tends to slip out. "Yer've gotta be joking!" Everything in her life, says Twiggy, has just sort of happened to her. "It's ke I never planned anything. I. was very content, very happy being a model. It was marvellous, really, I was making all . The Whitneys were moving that money and then, one day, I was having dinner with my Angeles when all this happened therefor anything mate, Ken Russell, when I and aithough Twiggy is Having Carly, she says, has happened to say I had seen The honoured to be on Broadway - chan Bonfriend and somebody had it's a giant step forward for comsuggested I ought to do a film of me" - it has postponed the



Twiggy with top hat, talls and Tommy Tune

it. He said: Oh great I'll direct house in the country just So, after MGM, who owned

the story, had had a heart attack about Twiggy starring in their film - They didn't know whether Locald dance and sing or not and neither did I' - she made. The Boyfriend and that's saying it is irresistibly appeal—where she got to know Tommy ing, which is probably why Tune, the dancer/actor/interviewers so often quote her choreographer/director/Tony innits and north London, award winner who put the new show together.

"I came out to the States when she is supposed to be because I was doing a film called W - and that's how I met. Michael (she married American ago) and he kept on going on at their best friend in the back for me to do Liza in Promation a deal. Well that's awful before I was too old; or, I Homesty and integrity mean wouldn't have done that nothing and the kids in LA are

back to Britain from Los

outside London ... which she believes, is the ideal place to bring up a child. At the moment, they are living in a rented apartment in New York; Carly goes to a yery good Montesson school nearby and a friend of Twiggy's from Los Angeles is looking after her:

She hated almost everything about LA, "You can't go for a walk and even the flowers aren't real. It's a bloody desert, that's what it is, and people have built a city there." Most of all she hated their values. "Everything is judged by youth and beauty actor Michael Whitney six years and success and they'd stab

> brought up in this false world and they're all screwed up. I wouldn't let a child grow up changed her way of thinking

think about when you wake up

is your child, and it's the last thing you think about when you go to sleep. Sometimes, I wake in the night and think: What will it be like for her?" Now know why my mother worries all the time. I mean, I love Michael very much but he's mad about riding and he keeps talking about getting Carly on to horse. Carly ... on a horse! Her eyes widen with horror. She refuses now to be photographed with Carly. "I

grew up in Neasden, an ordinary London suburb and, even though I was spoiled to death and had everything I wanted, Carly obviously lives a very different life. Oh, I'm so proud of her, I'd love to show her off, but I don't think it would be good for her".

It can't be easy being married to such a recognizable celebrity and there have been reports from Hollywood that Michael, who is 15 years older than Twiggy, would prefer to be the main breadwinner.

"I don't think he really minds me being more famous that him because, after all, I was when ! met him. But, there are those awful people who are all over you and ignore the person you're with. Well I think that's just rude and that's one of the reasons we don't go out to parties much."

Another reason is that wiggy: like most successful people, truly enjoys work more

She rehearsed the dance routines for eight hours daily before the show opened and i touchingly pleased with the gift of a silver mirror which belonged to Adele Astaire, who starred and danced in the original with brother Fred in 1927. "Adele Astaire," breathes Twiggy. "Why, she's practically my idol."

Another thrill came her way at a preview. "I'd just taken Carry to the loo off my dressing room - she'd had all that ice cream and drinks and that and when I came back, then was Lucille Ball. I couldn' believe it. I just gazed at her and I must have seemed daft, I'm sure. But she loved the show. Twiggy has been a headlining

success ever since she faced the camera 18 years ago to become the world's first child model celebrity. She says she has changed ("I've grown up, got wiser, I hope. I probably don' trust people as much as I used to") but her enduring and endearing quality is that she still acts more like a fan than a top

a Broadway extravaganza.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Heads I win ...

David Irving, the right-wing historian who has been decrying the Hitler Diaries as fakes, is at the same time claiming a 10 per cent commission from The Sunday Times for, he says, having provided the information and leads, Irving contacted The Sunday Times in December, offering his information on condition that if the paper paid for serialization or digest rights to the Diaries he should be granted commission. He suggested 10 per cent, and claims now that in the extensive oral communications which followed The Sunday Times did not query this figure. Magnus Linklater of The Sunday Times, who spoke with Irving, says their last conversation some weeks ago revealed that Irving by then believed the papers he had been looking at were fakes, "Our purchase of the Hitler Diaries owes nothing to Irving and was negotiated without help from or reference to him", Linklater adds,

Forked tongue

A Times man who was in Berlin in 1945 retrieved a painting signed by Adolf Hitler from the ruins of the bunker. He took it, and on his way out met an American sergeant whose prize was cutlery marked "A.H.". They compared booty and the sergeant so coveted the painting that our man, judging the spoons and forks the better bet, agreed to swop. A few days later he found the cutlery had come from the Adlou Hotel.

House whine

Clement Freud has tabled an early day motion deploring the "surrep-titious means by which mediocre South African wine has been sneaked into the cellars of the House" and noting "the reticence with which it is being marketed".
The South African wines he says,
"are being peddled like dirry
postcards. They do not appear on the refreshment department's wine list. When they are sold it is like someone shuffling up and saying: "Do you want my sister?"

Rod of irony

News that the Department of Education is considering giving parents the right to veto the corporal punishment of children in state schools lends irony to a panegyric of Schools lends from to a panegyfic of Sir Keith Joseph in the latest Newsline, the official Tory paper. In an article headlined "Discipline: Teachers cane Labour," Sir Keith is praised for refusing to bow to pressure against caning "despite a ruthless campaign by 'do-gooding' fanatics egged on by the Labour

BARRY FANTONI



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bidding is against you, sir, at twelve o'clock high."

Worker's control

My former chief, Sir Willian Rees-Mogg, evidently gets along all right now with the workers at the Arts Council. He has just announced the appointment of the former chief show steward - though they call it chairman of the staff association at the Arts Council - as music director. Rees-Mogg describes Richard Lawrence as "exceptionally able" and is "all the more pleased the appointment is made from existing council

Some woolly thinking crept into the postal ballot for elections to the British Wool Marketing Board. The board is now looking for a producer whose official envelope was returned. postmarked Lampeter, containing not a voting form but a £5 note and a shopping list for pet food and custard powder.

Rowdy or Nutter?

The present row about whether Oxford United should merge with Reading could not. New Society argues, have happened to a better club. It was Oxford's terraces the social psychologist Peter Marsh inhabited for three years to observe the fans' behaviour. His researches classified football hooligans into two groups, Rowdies and Nutters, Now might become a Rowdy or Numer himself. He opposes the merger and took part in Saturday's demon-stration on the pitch.



- Judy, she says, resembles an East End mum and "quite likes men." Reversing the classic pattern, she triumphs over the Devil (a DHSS inspector) and the Hangman (a Thatcherite). The Sambo character becomes Bowling Ali, Muhammad's Restafarian baby brother.

The innocent and the insidious

Both CND and the Labour Party favour Britain giving up her nuclear weapons, but a clear distinction should be made between the two groups. Most of CND's members are muddled, mistaken idealists, with no experience of international affairs and no knowledge of the Soviet Union or Eastern

They have a very understandable fear of nuclear war and the present profusion of nuclear weapons breeds in them a strong and emotional conviction that they should do something about it, even if it is the wrong

The Labour Party, however, knows well what it is doing. The left wing is pro-East and wants to make Britain and the West weaker. The right wing is pro-West and knows that unilateralism is wrong. But it does not want to make itself weaker in the party by openly opposing Labour's lurch towards neutralism.

An exception should perhaps be made for Mr Michael Foot. He became a unilateralist at the age of 45, and has been one for the succeeding quarter of a century (except when he was in the Labour government). He is the same in beliefs and prejudices as he was when he used to spend his Easters ambling between Aldermaston and Trafalgar Square, even though the world has changed. But the CND is not cynical. It is at least as

innocent as Mr Foot was in the 1950s.

Sir Ian Gilmour warns Conservatives not to confuse CND with the real political opposition

CND's basic fallacy is to think that the West and the Soviets are very like each other and are both equally to blame for the cold war and the arms race. So CND equates Nato and the Warsaw Pact. But the Warsaw Pact is a facade, It is wholly Russian-dominated. Nato is entirely different. No country abrogates to itself the right to determine the political and social arrangements of its neighbours - Nato is an alliance of free

From the fallacy that East and West are basically the same stem all the other fallacies. Mr E. P. Thompson seems aware of the danger. He has talked of "the sleepwalkers in the peace movement" and of the peril of CND placing its trust in the Soviet Union. "It is time for the peace movement to wash the sleep out of its eyes . . .

Recently we have heard from a Czech dissident who writes in the New Statesman under the name of Váchar Racek. "In contrast with you," Mr Racek told Mr Thompson, "I am deeply convinced that liberty is a necessary condition of peace, of true peace... Human history shows that liberty must, very often, be gained and defended by force . . ."

Mr Racek knows what he is talking about; he lives under a totalitarian dictatorship. Until there are human rights in Russia, the Soviet system will present a danger to the

Once it is conceded that the conditions in East and West are fundamentally different, CND's policy is plainly indefensible. Since there can be no genuine peace movement in the East, one-sided disarmament by Britain would produce no response save laughter from the USSR.

At the time of the 1962 Cuba crisis, the US had a strategic nuclear supremacy of about 60 to one. Hence, in those days, Mr Foot's unilateralism was a harmless fad. Today there is nuclear parity. Unilateralism, like Mr Foot, is no longer harmless. For Labour now to seek to rupture Nato is a consensus act of sabotage. That is not true of CND, which does not know what it is doing. CND can be defeated in argument. For Labour, the only cure is the ballot box.

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The Ascendants' descendants on the way up

A Protestant wedding reception in the Irish Republic recently ended with a dilemma for the Roman Catholic band; should they finish with the Irish national anthem?

Out of respect for the supposed susceptibilities of the wedding guests, the band played something else. The guests knew nothing of the musicians' concern and, had they done so, would probably have insisted on the anthem being played, as it is at the end of many social functions, public and private, throughout the country.

But the incident neatly encapsulates how the Republic's small number of Protestants are often viewed as not quite fully fledged Irishmen or whose allegiance to the state is not 100 per cent. Their position in a predominantly conservative and Roman Catholic country has been highlighted in recent months by the tortuous political, religious and medical debate on the proposal to introduce a constitutional amendment banning abortion.

Being under the spotlight is not a position many lay Protestants relish. A lot of older people are reluctant to speak out publicly on any contro-versy which might lead to them being branded with the offensive "West Briton" label. Their leading clergy have had no such inhibitions and have entered the abortion debate with such vigour that one member of the Dail accused Dr Victor Griffin, Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral. Dublin, of being "an-

other Paisley". Southern Protestants were also quick to respond to a resolution by

two Northern Ireland Unionist Euro MPs accusing the Republic of "institutionalized sectarianism" against the Protestants. The Rev David Woodworth, a Church of Ireland rector in County Cork, retorted: "I don't think they give a damn about southern Protestants except when it's convenient for their own political purposes.". Behind these public utterances, in

Johannesburg

Protestants are fed up with the continual debate on sexual matters. is a growing confidence, especially among younger Protestants, about

their place in the Republic's society. Churchmen also believe that the number of Protestants could be rising after the sharp fall of the last 60 years. Huge losses in the First World War, the withdrawal of the British Army and Civil Service, emigration at the time of the 1921 partition, smaller families and mixed marriages – all have contributed to the savage decline, from around 300,000 in 1911 to 120,000 -4 per cent of the population - in 1971.

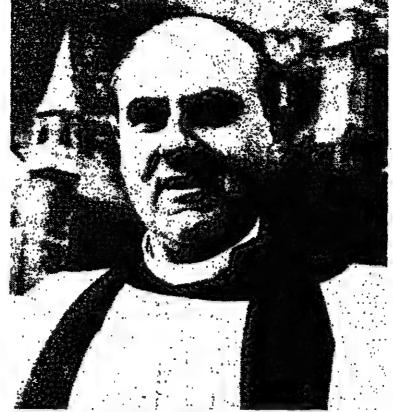
In areas of Dublin, Protestant schools report a bigger intake and in one suburb the Methodists are considering building a new church to cope with their growing congre-gation. One Methodist minister reported similar growth in central Ireland, although the drift continues

The signs of the Protestant revival are being cautiously welcomed. It is occurring at a time of rapid social change when a large, youthful population knows little of old divisions and probably cares even

Traditionally, most Protestants have been middle-class with strong representation in the midlands and they have tended to live self-contained lives. But the exclusively Protestant preserves have been swept away, with Trinity College now having a majority of Roman Catholic students and the Guinness brewery long ago opening its door to the majority religion.

"Protestants today are becoming much more mainstream and there is less sense of being apart, especially among the younger people", says Dr Griffin. But he accepts that there have been problems of identity for the older generation, whose parents still remember the break with

There may be anger at the assumption that every Irishman is a



Dr Griffin: "Less sense of being apart"

a true lrishman only if you are one. David Pierepoint, a young Protestant bank official brought up to mix with Roman Catholics, said: "I'm an Irishman with complete loyalty to the state. I would like a united Ireland, although without the violence, which I abhor. I have no feelings of allegiance to Britain, although I do admire it".

Neither does this younger generation have the inhibitions of its parents in discussing with Roman Catholics the often taboo subjects of abortion, contraception and divorce. But although these matters are conversation, the non-Catholic churches are more wary about being seen to be in the vanguard of movements pressing for changes on such moral issues.

One reason for the recovery in Protestant numbers could be the more liberal interpretation by the Roman Catholic clergy of the mixed marriages issue. The canon law requirement that every effort be made by the Catholic partner to

would hasten the disintegration of the Afrikaner nationalist base of the

ruling party. In their view, that is the

only way in which a truly reformist

realignment of white political forces

There is no doubt that it will be

close-run. If the government wins, of

course, the picture will be trans-formed. The far right will have

suffered a devastating psychological

blow, and Mr Fanie Botha will be

remembered as a hero rather than a

blunderer. For the moment, how-

ever, the ruling party shows all the symptoms of being in an advanced

One factor in the government's

favour is the continuing failure of

Dr Treurnicht to achieve a fully-

working electoral alliance with the

even more fanatical Herstigte

Nasionale Party (HNP) of Dr Jaap

Marais, which broke away from the

ruling party in 1969. The HNP has,

however, agreed not to field a

can be brought about.

Roman Catholic and that you can be bring up any child of a mixed marriage in the faith is not only probably the greatest strain in everyday relations between the two faiths but the one that brings the deepest resentment among Protestants.

Dr Griffin said: "There is a great feeling of loss in Protestant families when a son or daughter marries a Catholic. We see it as the way to annihilation and as most unfair on the couple getting married."

Yet churchmen say that many "mixed" couples, especially in urban areas where social pressures have eased, are bringing up their children as Profesianis. A Dun Laoghaire minister estimates that 25 per cent of the children at his Sunday school are from mixed marriages. Dr Griffin says that more couples are trying to bring up their children in both faiths, allowing them to worship in the church of each partner. He adds: "We don't want all the children brought up as Protestants. We regard it as a private matter for a couple to solve.

Richard Ford

David Watt

Coming to terms with Andropov

The Soviet commentator Alexander Bovin is, as his name suggests, a great ox of a man, a fat man with an even fatter man inside trying to get out. He is also a personality of great intelligence, humour and charm. Some of you may have seen him on television the other night telling viewers that no serious dialogue with the Americans is possible so long as President Reagan remains in office. Others may have read him in last Sunday's Observer urging moderation in East-West relations.

It is worth considering what he had to say not just because his trip to London last week to attend the Anglo-Soviet Round Table at Chatham House comes at a highly charged moment, but because he is said to be very close to Yuri

Bovin's argument, as he explained it to me, runs as follows, All revolutions - English, French, American, Russian - begin with ideology, but time and the demands of external events dilute this element until eventually the overwhelming ingredients are pragmatism and national interest. Soviet Russia, since the death of Lenin, has proceeded predictably along this path and now stands at a place where ideology is still important, certainly, but where pragmatism is already the dominant flavour.

For Bovin, the paradox and puzzle is that the United States, which had its revolution more than 200 years ago and has duly progressed according to plan, has suddenly under President Reagan turned in the opposite direction and is now, apparently, determined to lead an ideological crusade against communism and the "empire of evil" that is the Soviet Union, This is depressing and dangerous, says Bovin. National interest is nego-tiable but Holy War precludes compromise and leads to the final horrifying clash between good and

This is nice stuff, and so far as Reaganism is concerned, expresses a puzzlement that spreads far beyond the Soviet Union. The problem, as always with Soviet controversy, is to know how much of it is tactics disguised as sincerity and how much is sincerity creeping out from behind a safe mask of factics.

On the face of it, of course, the whole thesis is a shameless piece of effrontery. There is nothing on earth more relentlessly ideological than a Soviet commentator when he wishes to make his points in that form. Who has been talking about (and indeed conducting) the death struggle between capitalism and Marxism-Leninism all these years? More than that, ideology is the air that Soviet leaders breathe, the water they swim in and in the end the justification of their existence.

The fifteenth-century papacy, worldly, corrupt and aggressive as it was, never divorced itself entirely from ecclesiastical and doctrinal considerations; similarly Soviet foreign policy, however much nationalism and self-interest may appear to dictate its moves, is under the ultimate necessity of clothing these imperatives in doctrinaire dress - a process always present and always significant. So much is this the case that we may wonder why Bovin has not been arraigned for heresy and burned at the stake in suitably cinquecento style for daring to speak in such secular terms. To this question the cynic will give

First, he is close to Mr Andropov and therefore has a licence to say pretty well anything he pleases (so long as Andropov himself survives). Second, so able a controversialist

three answers.

piece of casuistry ready in case he is haled before the Inquisition If theology is to one's taste, there are many entrancing hours to be spent speculating what this defence might be, but I suppose that its first line would be that the eventual triumph of communism is so inevitable that "ideology" is in a sense irrelevant. Thus, when the late lamented Comrade Kruschev remarked to the capitalists, "We will bury you', he was not announcing an ideological intention but merely stating an historical inevitability.

The third reason for Bovin's insouciance might be said to be that the Russians have excellent tactical reasons for talking to us in this way at this particular moment. The French are having an anti-Soviet beanteast: the West Germans are suspected in Washington of neutralism". The British are not only worried - politely, but defi-nitely and at all levels - about the Reagan administration, they also still have some influence in Washington and are in a mood to try

and exert it.

How, then, if we were in the Kremlin, should we handle the British? Well, we adopt our most civilized tone. We appeal to their sense of history and moderation. We speak more in sorrow than in anger about this brash, uncouth, un-Brit-ish fellow in the White House whom more mature, experienced nations have to try to restrain for the good of humanity. In short we butter them up, and who better qualified to lay it on than Comrade Bovin?

At the same time it is important that we shouldn't outsmart ourselves. It is entirely consistent with probability and with their self-interest that the Russians should believe (a) that the arms race is too expensive and that some compromise is therefore desirable at Geneva; (b) that the Reagan administration does not really propose to compromise except on terms of overwhelming superiority, and (c) that Reagan is actively determined to destroy them and their system and to risk a nuclear war in the process.

Again, there is nothing inherently impossible in Bovin's particular gloss on all this or in the supposition that Mr Andropov has about as much practical concern with ideology as Pope Alexander VI - a potentate underpinned by an absolutist philosophy but one with whom it was possible to do business on a limited basis and even, occasionally, to dine, provided you took suitable precautions.

Yet, at the end of the day, it scareely matters whether the Russians are sincere and truthful in this account of their present feelings or whether it is all tactics. We have to answer the questions for our-selves. Lord Carrington supplied an authoritative set of British answers in his Alistair Buchan Memorial Lecture last week, saying in effect that a Geneva deal on compromise terms is in our interest; that the Soviet system will collapse in the end of its own accord without dangerous assistance from us; and that dogma and "megaphone macy" are out of place in our deals with the East. He is quite right. What is most

required at the moment is calmness. firm self-confidence and flexibility. And the fact that for the time being the Soviet leaders, ably represented by Mr Bovin, would probably agree for a variety of reasons, good and bad, with the general Carrington postion while Mr Reagan would probably not, does not necessarily

Philip Howard

Cry wolf and unleash an age-old fear

the middle. Be suspicious if he has bushy grey hair growing out of his ears. If he takes his clothes off and circum-micturates around them, run for your life; for you may be sure that he is a werewolf, a man-wolf, probably derived from the Old English wer, cognate with the Latin vir, a man. There are no female werewolves. Vampires, yes; shewerewolves, no.

It is remarkable what a strong hold the superstition about the man who can turn into a wolf, the loupgarou of France, has upon our imagination. The last wolf was extirpated in England in the reign of Henry VII, though wolves survived in Scotland until well into the eighteenth century. The wolf is extinct in the New World, except in Alaska. And yet the comic strips, tho trash thrillers and the video shops still do brisk business with tales like I Was a Teenage Werewolf. To some extent, the maniac hitch-hiker has replaced the werewolf as a popular horror from the wild outside who irrupts into our civilized world.

The other day I was lucky enough to meet Richard Buxton of Bristol University, who is doing research into the myth of werewolves. You find them passim in the classical literature, though not as passim as in medieval literature. The wolf is a potent symbol of cruelty and wildness; which is odd, really, since wolf's main enemy, man, is far more cruel and wild. Left to itself, the wolf preys on large ungulates, rabbits, mice and other vermin; but not man. When food is scarce, it turns to domestic animals: hence the warfare with man, who has been raising stock since neolithic times.

From the earliest literature the wolf was a symbol of the outsider, me Minister's office for idance.

Dolon, the incompetent Trojan night spy, who significantly were a cloak of a grey wolf's skin (old English proverb: "The wolf must die the cruel predator. Remember

Never trust a man with pale grey in his own skin"). The Eumenides, eyes, or one whose eyebrows meet in your friendly local Furies, said that their disposition was like a raw-minded wolf, "it cannot be appeased".

In the sources the wolf is also a symbol of cooperation. Dogs all look different. Wolves look alike, and share their kill; so they are perceived as cooperative. There is an agreeable antique anecdote of a man running away from a pack of wolves and taking refuse in the Nile. But the wolves held on to each other's tails and so reached far enough into the river to get their man.

Then, very early, you get your werewolves. In the Greek myth of the flood. Zeus finally lost his patience with the race of man when Lycaon, the King of Arcadia, served him a stew of human flesh for dinner. So he turned Lycaon into a werewolf: "he keeps the same grey hair, the same fierce face, the same gleaming eyes, the same picture of beastly savagery." Pliny tells the story that one of the family of Antaeus was chosen annually by lot, to be transformed into a wolf, in which shape he continued for nine years. There are others, And the idea of wolf eating man persists. In extreme old age, Milo of Croton, the heavyweight athlete, got his hands caught in a tree he was trying to tear apart. The wolves came and ate him, worse than his bark. Myths are not just fairy stories.

They are powerful patterns for thinking about things. We evidently still need the werewalf as the pervasive and potent image of the marginal outsider who is different, and therefore dangerous. But, as the old Canadian trapper said: "Any man who says he has been et by a wolf is a line of the beat et by a wolf is a liar." I always thought that Black as halfway down a wolf's throat" was Damon Runyon's original. Not so, I see that Escuro como boca de lobo, dark as a wolf's mouth, is at least 300 years old in Spain.

How one Botha has caused P.W. a spot of local bother

the approach of May 10 when 69,000 white voters in the Transvaal, the electoral power base of South Africa's ruling National Party (NP), will have an opportunity to tell the government what they think of its proposed constitutional re-forms. They will do so in four by-elections that could change the course of the country's history. Commentators here have drawn

Election fever is mounting here with

comparisons with the Wakkers-troom by-election in the Transvaal in 1944, the first of a series of byelection defeats for the United Party (UP) of General Jan Smuts which culminated in the victory of Dr Daniel Malan's Nationalists at the 1948 general election and the advent of the apartheid era.

The by-elections came about in a bizarre way back in February when Mr Fanie Botha, the Minister of Manpower, lost his temper while being heckled in the House of Assembly in Cape Town and rashly Assembly in Cape Fown and rashly offered to resign his seat and subject himself to the hazard of re-election provided that Dr Andries Treurnicht, the leader of the extreme right-wing Conservative Party (CP), did the same.

Dr Treurnicht, Mr Botha declared, did not have "the courage of a mouse". But the mouse roared, and Mr Botha, a senior cabinet minister whose legalization of black trade unions is widely regarded as the government's main reformist achievement, finds himself fighting for his political life in his Soutpansberg constituency in the far north of the Transvaal. Many government MPs already talk openly of "Fanie's flater" (Afrikaans for blunder).

The other main contest is in the Waterberg constituency in the western Transvaal where Dr Treurnicht is defending the seat he held for the NP at the 1981 general election. A year later he and 17 other MPs were expelled from the party for refusing to endorse the government plan for sharing power with the mixed-blood coloured and Indian

minorities, and formed the CP. A third parliamentary by-election will be held in the Waterkloof constituency, a well-to-do suburb of Pretoria, which has been vacated by the CP's Tom Langley, who has agreed to take on Mr Botha in the Soutpansberg. Here the main opposition to the government

comes from the liberal Progressive press has dubbed the "bartle of the Federal Party, which is booing for a striking victory in the conservative bergs" would put paid to the government's modest reforms. But heartland of Afrikanerdom. many liberals would welcome such an outcome in the belief that it

The fourth by-election is to the Transvaal Provincial Council, and will take place in Carletonville, a mining constituency south-west of Johannesburg, where the NP in-cumbent recently died. Though considered less important than the other three, it will be an interesting test of opinion among white miners, who form one of the most conservative groups in the country.

if the government loses badly to the CP, it could set Dr Treurnicht's bandwagon rolling again at a time when it had seemed to be losing momentum, and encourage more Nationalist MPs to climb aboard. Conservative Party MPs could also take it in turn to resign their seats and force the government into an almost endless series of damaging by-election campaigns. If the reverses continued, the Prime Minister, Mr P. W. Botha, would almost certainly have to call a general

Moderate whites are worried that right-wing victories in what the local

tura out a hero?



Andries Treumicht: his bandwagon could start rolling again

The campaign is being fought with all the special venom which only a Broederetwis, a brothers' quarrel, can generate. Accusations of corruption have been hurled at Mr Fanie Botha by his erstwhile colleagues, including a potentially damaging suggestion that he im-properly used his position as Minister of Water Affairs 10 years ago to get Parliament to write off a large debt incurred by an irrigation scheme in which he had an undisclosed personal interest. There have been fisticuffs at some meetings.

One of the main effects so far of the campaign has been to force the government into a posture of almost ludicrous defensiveness about its constitutional reforms, which are now being put into legal language for submission to Parliament. There have already been many delays, and the government is evidently hoping to avoid any real debate on the detail of the legislation until after the by-elections are over.

Meanwhile, senior cabinet minis-ters are scurrying from meeting to meeting in the Transvaal enumerating at length all the things that are not going to change as a result of the reforms. At the same time, the government is trying to persuade coloureds and Indians, as well as opinion abroad, that it has embarked on a major departure from the rigidities of classical apartheid.

The confusion in government circles has been reflected in the Prime Minister's gyrations over the issue of a referendum. In February, was announced that he had decided against a referendum. A few weeks ago he suddenly changed his mind and said that one would be held for whites only after the constitutional changes had been passed by Parliament but before they were implemented.

This led to pressure for similar but much more hazardous tests of coloured and Indian opinion. To which Mr Botha grudgingly gave in though without committing himself on the timing, only to declare a week ago to general derision that no referendums would be held so long as the drought lasted. Political correspondents here are now looking to the weather bureau rather than the Prime Minister's office for further guidance.

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DOWN MEXICO WAY

President Reagan's dilemma in will certainly be no time for Reagan's address this week.

Central America is a European Europe's needs. Indeed the The President expresser ent reasons. So it is important during the Falklands crisis, for European governments to though it had a happy ending, intensity of feeling which the ciently salutary warning to all issue excites within the Ameri- America's Nato allies that a can administration, even though continental strategic perspective they might have different opin- could easily ontweigh an Atlantic ions about how President Rea-one, unless the infection is gan should seek to resolve his contained.

Central America has any significant bearing on American strataddress was itself an eloquent indication of the difficulty he has had in persuading American congressional opinion, and pubcongressional opinion, and public opinion at large, to recognize is that, while he and his this truth. Too many have administration are haunted by thought of Central America as a the prespect of a revolutionary place way down below Mexico that cannot possibly constitute a threat to our well-being."

He pointed out that El. Salvador. - a small faraway country of which we in Europe know little or nothing - is nearer to Texas than Texas is to Massachusetts; that Nicaragua is as close to Miami and many of the major cities of the southern United States, as they are to Washington; that two-thirds of all the foreign trade and oil traffic pass through the Panama Canal and the Caribbean. In a more important context for his European allies, he said that at least half American supplies for Nato would go through these areas by sea during an emergency.

That is the crux of the matter, which is often lost on the European mind. If the United States becomes primarily preoccupied with the threat posed to . its neighbours by revolutionary movements in Central America. and, in particular with the danger of that revolutionary infection spreading to Mexico, leading to a surge of refugees and subversives across the long uncontrollable common bordery into the huge and growing

Hispanic population centres may receive further encourage within the United States, there ment from the tone of Mr so.

NO EASY EXIT

Mr Justice Woolf's response to suicides and indeed its writers the Attorney General's request clearly expect it to do so. On the for a High Court ruling that it is face of it, that would seem to fall for a High Court ruling that it is face of it, that would seem to fall a crime to distribute the Yolin under the 1961 Act's prohibition tary Euthanasia Sciety's Guide of any act that "aids, abets, to Self-Deliverance". The good counsels or procures the suicide judge plainly felt acutetly uncomfortable at being put in the exceptional position of being asked to declare that a given action is criminal, as distinct from declaring that it is not. As: he rightly says, the answer will depend on the circumstances. the intent and the outcome, and it must be for a jury to-weighthese matters at the time. But it- the victims may look back on a is clear that those distributing few months later with incredthe booklet remain in theory very vulnerable to penalties ranging up to 14 years' imprisonment, under a law framed without regard to the peculiar circumstances of the case, and at a period when public attitudes in

The booklet is addressed to readers who believe that they either are or may one day be in need of information to assist them to end their lives with the least risk of pain, failure or harm to others. It is not disputed that it does so in a responsible way, if the task itself is responsible; it is frank about the grimmer aspects of the act, and it recommends long delay and resort to medical and other advice before .. the reader makes a final choice. But if only by diminishing what the judge calls the deterrent of make a cool decision - for

this area were materially differ-

dilemma too, though for differ- British experience last year show understanding of the should have provided a suffi-

In those circumstances - and In his address to the joint with their shared intelligence session of both Houses of material - the Western allies can Congress on Wednesday he certainly agree with Mr Reagan recognized that, even within the that "the Caribbean basin is a USA, many people find it hard magnet for adventurism. The also recognised that the issues to believe that what happens in Cuban revolution is, and always are not simply a contest between has been, for export. The same can now be said for Nicaragua. egy. The fact that he sought the With Cuban help come the a dialogue not just between ubiquitous East Germans, and their military methods and equipment.

the prespect of a revolutionary leftist Mexico, Mexico itself appears to have no such fears for the future. Does he therefore press ahead with his lonely crusade to cauterize the Caribbean, or does he seek to enlist the help of moderate Central American governments, clustered together in the Contadora Group, and work through them towards some kind of diplomatic military and economic settle-

Hitherto they have stood aside from the United States policy, believing it to be too starkly pinned to the promise of a military victory in El Salvador. That scepticism seemed to survive even the successful election held last year when, as President Reagan pointed out; more than eighty per cent of the electorate voted in defiance of the guerilla threat "Vote Today, Die Tonight". The election did not solve anything, and no further election is likely to do so either. It should be noted, however, that elections are a comparative rarity in that area, particularly among those countries loudest in their criticisms of the United States. None the less the election was an impressive demonstration for peace, which

Nobody is left much the wiser by -a hesitant resident to choose progressive illness - to end one's of another Some such sanction is necess-

ary against those gain evil or irresponsible "individual" influence over victims of emotional crisis. Many suicides and attempted suicides perhaps most - spring from acute desperation over health, money or personal relationships which ulity and thankfulness that they have survived. One of the most pregnant lights in the character of suicide is the sudden fall of no less than one-third in the British suicide rate the years 1964-70, apparently as a result of the introduction of non-poinsonous natural was in the home. If the means are readily to hand, impulse will make use of them; if not, the crisis is likely to pass.

It is not for such cases that the booklet is designed; or if it is, it is designed to persuade then to stop and reflect. The society imposes restrictions intended to confine its circulation to readers with a settled interest in the topic. Without these controls, its position would be far weaker. It has become widely accepted todal that it is a legitimate exercise of personal freedom to ignorance, it may clearly induce instance, in the face of incurable

The President expressed the hope for a bipartisan policy. He recalled that President Carter had initially helped the Nicaraguan revolutionary government before it betrayed his trust. He emphasized that three quarters of American help to El Salvador is economic, and that there was no question of American troops entering the region. He proposed that, subject to verifiable and reciprocal regional arrange-ments, all foreign military ad-visors and troops should be those wearing white hats and those wearing black by calling for countries in the region but between groups within each country.

European governments can echo those sentiments without necessarily endorsing all the actions of the administration within the affected area. Europe has little influence or expertise in Central America, but what it has should be husbanded. Blind support for the United States, particularly from Britain after the Falklands episode, would do American policy no good, though there is also no case for pursuing the clever ploys, taken for purely internal left-wing consumption, by French policy

makers in the region.
Europe should use what influence it has in the area to help moderate Central American governments come forward into a more active role that in turn would take the heat off the United States. There can be no disputing the fact that the stability of Mexico, Columbia, Venezuela and others would suffer gravely if the calculated subversion of the area was seen to succeed. To that extent they too have a vested interest in helping to relieve the United States of some of its preoccu-pation. The same initiatives taken by the Contadora Group, for instance, could easily prevail where Washington would fail. Smoke is rising from Central America; it must be more sensible to help put out the fire, than to argue about how to do

life. There are danger in this change of attitudes, which the publication of the "Guide" must tend to reinforce. Useful inhibitions against impulsive suicide are likely to be croded, and (perhaps a greater matter of concern) some disabled or elderly people enxious not to be a burden may be put under greater psychological pressure to carry the idea of self-effacement too far.

The judge summarizes the circumstances in which he considers that it might be an offence to distribute the "Guide". A prosecution could not succeed without proof that a recipient had actually been assisted or encouraged to make an attempt by the booklet. The judge doubts whether it would be a sufficient defence for the distributor to be able to show that he had no individual knowledge of the circumstances of the recipient: a jury might find that a general knowledge that a significant number of recipients would be contemplating suicide provided the necessary proof of intent. The length of time between receipt of the booklet and the suicide might be crucial. It is all highly uncertain, and distinctly arbitrary: so much so that a prosecution would be a lottery scarcely serving the interest of justice. Rather than try the lottery, the Attorney General should consider clarifying matters with fresh legislation, as the Judge virtually invites him to do.

STUNG BELOW THE WATERLINE

The storm that has broken Moscow but that has done out over Soviet submarines in nothing ad andermine the auth-Swedish waters may well prove origy of a commission chaired by to be a turning-point in relations so emment a figure as Mr Sven between the two countries, and Andersson, the former defence to be an episode of wider and foreign minister. There will European significance. For years be no disposition in future, as Sweden has been noted as the there has sometimes been, for most outspoken of European Swedes to suspect that their neutrals. Often in the past this navy sights Soviet submarines quality has been irritating to at convenient moments when Nato countries, and especially to the United States. Mr Olof review. They now have evidence Palme, the Swedish Prime Min- that Soviet submarines, have ister, has not been America's illegally entered Swedish terrifavourite foreign politician torial waters on numerous Towards the Soviet Union occasions and have even salled Sweden has frequently given the into Stockholm harbour. impression of being too musting.

past, it is so no longer. and extent of the violations of Swedish territorial waters again. Swedish territorial waters by . This does not mean that the Soviet submarines has come as a "Swedes are about to give up their". shock to Swedish politicians and "cherished neutrality. There is no to the general public. The possibility of that neutrality is charges have been depied by too deeply ingrained in the

defence expenditure is under

Mr Palme has responded to But if that has been true in the the report with a firm protest to the Soviet Union and a warming The report from a parliamen, that their submarines would be tary commission of the number fired upon if they infringed

Swedish consciousness. Moreover, fear mingles with indignation over the submarine disclosures and there is no willingness to take unnecessary risks, either with Swedish or indeed with Finnish security which many Swedes believe would be put in jeopardy if Sweden were to give up its neutrality.

But while Sweden will remainneutral, there may well be a change in the nature of its neutrality, a greater readiness to be publicly critical of the Soviet Union. Sweden has always known throughout the postwar years that any threat to its security would come from the Soviet Union, not from the Nato powers. This episode will have made that threat seem more real. It does not mean that Sweden is about to be invaded, but it does indicate how little respect the Soviet Union has for the legal rights and for the territorial integrity of others.

Ending television CND and the duties of the cloth

From Mr E. E. Y. Rayles

Sir, The moderation of your leading article, "Campaigner of the cloth"

(April 27) on the matter of Mgr Bruce Kent's position in CND will, I

am sure, be welcome to many Catholics. I am not a member of CND but, like others, I read what I

can of the arguments for and against it and I have found those of the

Monsignor invariably clear, honest

and cogent, as my acquaintance with

him in other contexts would lead me

To speak of him, as you quote the Conservative MP for Louth speak-

ing (report, April 27) as doing the work of the Kremlin seems to me a

smear and altogether unhelpful in this gravest moral and political issue

of human history. Such language invites the rejoinder that those who continue to pile up the missiles while dragging their feet in the multilateral disarmament talks at

Geneva are doing the work of the

protracted impasse, year after year,

of the disamment conference of

the thirties at Geneva is unlikely to

be surprised by the deadlock

developing there today. Certainly there are serious risks in CND

policies as there are in any policies

in the position we have now reached. But at least they are risks

incurred in a cause recognisably

Christian and motivated by a refusa

Sir, On April 6 I wrote to Cardinal Hume and, as a Catholic layman,

asked ... is it in order for a priest of the Church to hold office in a

movement such as CND and does

not his connexion with the move-

ment and the consequent publicity

lead the uninformed to believe that

the Church actively supports

a member of the priesthood should

what is fast becoming a political

The Cardinal has now pro-

nounced on the issue; such pro-

nouncement being, I suggest, en-

tirely motivated by his very proper concern for the Church and not in

the least by any consideration of a

Sir, In your leading article today (April 27) about the position of Mgr Kent as General Secretary of CND

you say that some priests in some

Sir, I was disappointed to see that in

your issue this morning (April 27) you incorrectly reported on an

address given yesterday by his Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, in which he referred to the value and the danger of nuclear

While the substance of Prince

Philip's address was correctly reported, the circumstances were

not. His Royal Highness was opening the "Mantech" Syposium on the Social and Cultural Challenge

of Modern Technology; this sym-

posium was organised by the Fellowship of Engineering of which Prince Philip is the Senior Fellow.

The opening session was held at the Institution of Civil Engineers, but

the institution as a body was not responsible for the symposium.

The Fellowship of Engineering is an interdisciplinary body of engin-

ears with a present membership of

Sir, Should Hitler's diaries be

published or should they, as the Chief Rabbi so forcefully argues

(April 26), be ignored, irrespective of whether or not their authenticity is

Sir Immanuel, pleading on the grounds of "morality and truth", points to the fact that the disries are

calculated to exculpate their evil author. While this is true, it does not

constitute a case against publication.

Inevitably, all diaries, memoirs and other forms of recollection add

up, in varying degrees, to an exercise

in apologia and are treated as such by the historical profession. Yet the

incidental information revealed in

the process is frequently very valuable.

to posterity" - always assuming that it is genuine - such information,

given its historical context, might

prove to be of extraordinary

importance to historians of diplo-

macy, war and ideology. Indeed, it would be immoral not to publish the

digries. For the cause of truth is

certainly not served by the sup-pression of evidence, whatever the form it takes and whoever produces

Few people doubt the diabolical

character of the Nazi regime. No

In the case of Hitler's "testimony

Hitler diaries

From Mr O. Zametica

substantiated?

Duke and the bomb

political nature whatsoever.

R. A. KENNEDY

Chesterfield:

41 Avondale Road,

From Mr A. J. George

From Lord Caldecate

actively associate himself with "...

I went on to express concern that

to share in guilt for genocide.

From Mr R. A. Kennedy

Yours sincerely

East Martyns,

Church Street, Henfield,

West Speser

April 27.

CND?"

E.E.Y. HALES.

Apybody who can remember the

10 expect.

licence fee From Mr David Elstein

Sir, The implications of cable relevision for the BBC are far less threatening than Howard Davies (feature, April 26) suggests. The question is: how will the BBC respond?

The philosophy which underpins cable's advent is to give the consumer greater choice and the broadcaster greater freedom. If the process of deregulation continues beyond the introduction of cable, the next step is not the abolition of the BBC, but the abolition of the licence icc.

The licence fee's main defect is not, as Mr Davies argues, that it is a regressive form of taxation. The 20p cost of purchasing The Times daily also falls equally on rich and poor slike. The faults of the licence system lie deeper than that.
First, there is an inherent

objection to forcing users of television sets to pay a fee to the BBC irrespective of whether they view BBC programmes. This blemish is appravated by the inevitable grudgingness that develops between the BBC and its audience, deriving from the element of compulsion in their relationship. This is unhealthy

for both sides. Secondly, the licence fee is set by politicisms. In the recent inflationary past this has left the BBC exposed to the displeasure of Westminster in a way which has diminished public confidence in the BBC's editorial

A solution to both these problems is to allow the BBC to set its own "subscription" level by abolishing the licence fee system. A simple mechanical device would be put on sale at the beginning of each year, which when interposed between the aerial lead and socket of a domestic receiver, would "unscramble" BBC television. The cost of the device could be varied each year.

Licence fee evasion would end, no one would pay for programmes they did not want to watch, and the BBC would recover its freedom. A direct, healthy relationship, between consumer and producer would ensue.

Of course, some viewers would ensite.

Of course, some viewers would choose to do without BBC programmes and decline to buy the device. However, the BBC will scarcely complain at losing such involuntary licence-payers. And, given the unchallengeable evidence of what I predict would be extremely high subscription levels we might high subscription levels, we might all be spared the constant reminders from the BBC about the wonderful value it gives. Yours sincerely

DAVID ELSTEIN, Brook Productions, 2 Newburgh Street, W1. April 26.

Trial in South Africa

From Miss Mercy Edgedale Sir, You have reported (April 20) Mr

ing the likely dangers befalling the Rev Beyers Naude should he have been a witness at Mr Mayson's trial in South Africa. Once more we have read stories of torture in South Africa which, to my mind, foul the pages of *The Times*. You have also reported President Kaunda's dire warnings of war in Africa if the West does not change its attitude to South Africa. But nowhere do you report the source of this freedom to torture and freedom to support South Africa with financial investment.

They come about through South

Africa's continuing destabilization of her neighbours, a practice she has carried out through military and subversive means since Angola's and Mozambique's independence in

It is the reason why Zimbabwe is suffering as she is today, and because of British firms' (oil companies and financial insti-mions) constant support of South Africa throughout UDI (through sanction-busting and through mak-ing immense illegal profit) it is they who today carry the burden of

Yours faithfully, MERCY EDGEDALE, 55 Queen's Gate Mews, SW7. April 22. The same and the

Uniform opportunities

From Mr A. R. Ritchie

Sir, Recent correspondents (April 20) on the suggestion that unemployed young people should be given the opportunity of a year's military service appear to believe that training in the use of arms will encourage them to turn into armed criminals in future years.

To use a hand-gun, be it a

revolver or automatic, requires only the ability to load it and to press the trigger - hardly something which needs a year's training. The most popular criminal weapon, the shotgun, is not used by HM Forces.

I have not noticed a marked tendency towards armed violence in those trained in the use of firearms in past conflicts: most of us were only too pleased to get rid of our armaments. Yours faithfully,

A.R. RITCHIE Whitelilies, Ramsden Heath, Billericay, Essex. April 20.

War-torn Iraq

From the Ambassador of Iraz Sir, The Times has published on April 14 an article by Helga Graham about which we wish to clarify

certain points. The Iraqi military forces not only halt the occasional framian attacks but also crush the Iranian military machine with a view to purting an end to its threat to Iraq and the Arabian Gulf.

Iran contrary to what is said by Helga Graham, still possesses the military initiative, but Iraq has more

consideration for human life than the rulers of Iran who, in refusing peace, try to fortify their precarious position while sending mere children to inevitable death or capture at best:

Another point which Helga Graham has made a mistake about is the position of the Kurds in Iraq. They share in actual fact in the constitutional structure of the state, both in the legislative and the executive bodies as well as in autonomous Kurdistan, all within the framework of an Iraqi state.

ations by outlaws, describing them as gnerrilla activities. They are in reality nothing more than individual cases of neither consequence nor -impact.

As to the reduction of the salaries of civil servants and officers by 20 per cent, she must have been talking about another country, for in Iraq nothing of the sort has happened.

Yours faithfully, WAHBI AL-OARAGULI. Embassy of the Republic of Iraq, 21 Queen's Gate, SW7. April 15. She has mentioned some oper-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

situations are driven by moral fervour into the heart of political

Surely when that political activity

stems from deep concern for an

issue which goes to the vey core of

man's humanity that is exactly

where one may expect to find a

From Mr Roger Graffley-Smith Sir, Although a "wet" Conservative, I have no doubts as to the wisdom of

opposing the CND philosophy.

However, in the matter of Mgr Kent

your issue of April 27 reveals all too clearly the lack of "tolerance and

respect for another's motivation"

which some Conservative poli-ticians quoted there are encouraged

to display on this issue.
Since Cardinal Hume has made

very clear his own and thus

should be no confusion.

simably the Church's view, there

History is littered with examples

of men of the cloth speaking out in defence of moral principles unpalatable and detested by the government of the day. Pastor Niemoller's archbishop no doubt received similar advice in more received similar advice in more received.

Surely the British way of proceed-ing in these matters is to confront

and logic at one's disposal and not

to seek to silence opponents such as Mgr Kent, er even Mrs Ruddock, by

putting pressure on their employers?

Sir, Canon Paul Oestreicher complained (BBC Television News April 23) that Mr Heseltine had smeared CND by suggesting that a number of its most prominent

leaders had communist or extreme

left tendencies. But the Defence Secretary actually named names, and CND apologists have made no refutation of their political affiliations. So where is the

On the other hand, Mr Oestreicher,

speaking on BBC Radio 4 (Today, April 27) asserted that certain politicians had brought enormous pressure to bear on Cardinal Hume

to take action against Mgr Bruce Kent, yet he flatly refused to identify the offenders. Surely this is a smear in the best (or worst) political radition and entirely

characteristic of the pedlars of

some 500 Fellows. It aspires to become for engineering what the 300-year-old Royal Society rep-

resents for science as a whole, a

focus of knowledge, excellence and influence in the service of the

Sir, Now that Royalty has inter-

amount of argument to the contrary, let alone that which emanates from

Hitler himself, can change our

fundamental views on the matter. If it did, the Chief Rabbi would of

course have the dubious satisfaction

of witnessing his warnings justified.

In that event, however, we may as well abandon the study of history as

Sir, As a believer that books are the

one thing in the world of which one cannot be administered a lethal

dosage, I was appalled by the

emotive terms in which Sir Imma-

nuel Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi,

roused us to revulsion against the publication of the so-called Hitler

diaries, "whether they are authentic

If genuine they will certainly illuminate the 1940 s. If fraudulent

they will alert us to the abiding

depravity of the 1980s. When and if

they are published, will he, I

wonder, incite us to burn them?

CALDECOTE, President, The Fellowship of

extremist philosophies.

Yours faithfully,

The Vicarage, 19 High Road

Bushey Heath, Warford,

Yours faithfully,

Engineering 2 Little Smith Street, Westminster, SW1,

From Mr R. F. Wartl

question is non-political?

RICHARD F. WARD.

Cricket Field Cottage,

positively dangerous. Yours faithfully,

O. ZAMETICA, Corpus Christi College,

From Dr Peter Dockwrev

OF BOL".

Yours faithfully,

PETER DOCKWREY.

17a Upper Park Road,

Hampstead, NW3.

Yours faithfully.

nallhythe,

Tenterden.

April 27.

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GEORGE AUSTIN,

ROGER GRAFFTEY-SMITH,

Yours faithfully,

April 27.

smear"?

Finsbury Circus House, Biomfield Street, EC2.

From Canon George Austin

argument with all the passion

Flat 14, 93 Elm Park Gardens, SW10.

activity.

Driest

April 27.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. GEORGE.

Telephone users unprotected

From Mr P. B. Matthews Sir, Bernard Levin (April 20) would like British Telecom "to honour the contract" between them and himself in respect of telephone services. Would that there were one! In such a case one might sue for breach of contract and recover damages for losses suffered thereby.

But our wise and far-seeing Parliament has effectively insulated the public telephone service from anything so obnoxious as being liable to customers for not doing that which it is bound to do, by preventing contracts from arising at all. Services are rendered and charges are made under statutory schemes which avoid there being any contract. Further, liability in tort for causing loss to customers through (for example) failure of or delay in a telecommunication service is, by a thoughtful Legislature, expressly excluded.

This was the position under the Labour Government's Post Office Act 1969, and is equally the position under the free market-loving Tory Government's British Telecommunications Act 1981. Admittedly the new Act deems there to be a contract in relation to the hire of apparatus and to the insertion of certain special entries in directories, but in general it remains the case that no customer has a contract with British Telecom for telecommunications services.

Thus, not only may the corporation insult Mr Levin by ignoring his requests, but the courts are all but powerless to help him. How can a Government pledged to the free market economy justify such comprehensive protection for an organisation enjoying an effective monopoly?

Yours faithfully PAUL MATTHEWS, Faculty of Laws, University College London, 4-8 Endsleigh Gardens, WC1.

From Mrs Margaret A. Mills Sir, Pass the broken phone Mr Levin (feature, April 20), I shall be next behind you in the queue. My daughter was married last Saturday, April 16, and British Telecom has hit on the novel idea of spreading the happiness of the occasion over a longer period.

They delivered the telemessages, handed in last week for the reception on Saturday, on several days this week. The third one arrived by the second post on Wednesday, April 20: this despite a guarantee of delivery by first-class post the next

The Post Office has joined in, too. With the same happy intention of spreading happiness around they have left parcels containing wedding presents on the doorstep in order that passers-by can help themselves and so join in the general rejoicing. Yours faithfully MARGARET A. MILLS, Eden House,

7 Eden Close Thorpe St. Andrew. Norwich, Norfolk

Fading in the hills

From Mr D. B. Walters

Sir, Dr M. Hughes (April 8) fears that poor examination results by some 15-year-olds in Wales stem from the misguided devotion of resources to the preservation of Welsh and supports this view from Tim Jones's report on March 25, which quoted briefly from the vened in the nuclear debate, should it not be acknowledged that the surveys of the Assessment of Performance Unit (APU).

APU sample surveys recognize that a number of background variables" affect performance; one . of these is fluency, in mother tongue or second language. But APU surveys in Wales on mathematical and linguistic ability conclude that there is no statistically significant difference in numeracy or literacy between first and second language users (see e.g. Ist Report on [Secondary School] Language Performance, 1982, paras, 5.11 and 6.10). On the contrary, three variables govern good results, in Wales as elsewhere a teacher/pupil ratio of 1:25 or better; a non-metropolitan catchment area; and one that is relatively affluent (measured by the numbers taking free school meals).

Although CSE and GCE results are not the sole test of ability at 15+, high failure rates reflect discreditably on our school system. That does not justify the Language Freedom Movement (on whose behalf Dr Hughes presumably writes: see his letter to you of June 6, 1977) claiming that APU surveys support its hostility to Welsh-medium and bilingual education.

If the APU criteria are sound, it is on long-standing governmental neglect of industrial Wales, not on zeal for Ysgolion Cymraeg, that Dr Hughes should lay the blame.

Yours faithfully, D. B. WALTERS, Cambridge Street, Edinburgh 1. April 27.

Hard-boiled

April 25.

From Mr J. P. Wilton Sir, I was intrigued to read in today's Nature notes (April 25) that the wren hen lays six minute eggs. Presumably the tiny creature is trying to ingratiate itself, but it should be aware that four minutes is long enough for any egg, let alone a red-spotted one.

If this is an example of avian motherhood, I am thankfully yours, beakless, J. P. WILTON. London House Meckienburgh Square, WC!.

Luncheons

Loriners' Company

entertained at luncheon at the

college Sir Gerald Thorley, Mr M. N. Menzies-Wilson and Mr Lorimer

presided and the other speakers were the Under Warden, Mr Arthur

J. Gunton, and Mr S. J. Rowbotham. The guests included the Archdeacon of London, Colonel

I. A. Fereuson and Commissioner

Association Mr J. G. Dilliway, president, was in

the chair at the annual luncheon of the Diesel Engineers and Users Association held at the Porter Tun

Rooms yesterday. The principal speakers were Mr Diamuid Downs

At the Doctor of the Year luncheon held at the Savoy Hotel yesterday the Chairman of the BUPA Medical Foundation. Mr Stanley Glynn, presided. Citations were read by Dr Bryan Lewis and the awards presented by Lord Wigoder, QC, Chairman of BUPA. The principal speaker was the Very Rev Lawrence.

speaker was the Very Rev Lawrence Jackson, Provost of Blackburn,

The Queen was represented by the Marquess of Cholmondeley at a memorial for the Earl of Ancaster

held at St Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the British

Glouester, Patron of the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association, was represented by Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott and Princess Alexandra by the Hon Angus Ogilvy. Canon Trevor Beeson officiated, assisted by the Rev G. T. Roberts, who led the prayers, Lady Willoughby de Freehy (daughter)

willoughby de Eresby (daughter) and Mr Philip Grimes, Agent for the Grimsthorpe Estate, Bourne, Lin-colnshire, read the lessons. The

Speaker was represented by Mr Bernard Weatherill, MP. Others

Mr and Mrs M. J. Bebington-Smith, Miss Lucy Astor, Mr Jack Boles thatfornel Trustl. Mr and Mrs David Astor, Mrs Peter Cazales, Mr John Lowther, Mr Richard Asior, Mr John Partidge, Mr Arche Stirling of Keir, Mr B. Sherbrooke, Mr Maris Richard Norman, Mr and Mrs Nicholan Ridge, Mr and Mrs Robert Arrastrons,

abrogated the criminal responsi-bility of suicide, but section 2(1) retained the criminal liability of an

The accessory was the principal offender so that to attempt to aid, abet, counsel or procure the suicide or attempted suicide of another could be an offence even if the

person concerned did not attempt to

amounted to an offence under section 2(1) when the person to whom the booklet was distributed

committed suicide or attempted to commit suicide, then the distri-

bution to that person if there was no attempt to commit suicide could be

an attempt to commit an offence under section 2(1) in the appropri-

considering whether to distribute the booklet to someone who committed suicide or attempted to commit suicide made the distribu-

tor "an accessory before the fact" to the suicide or the attempted suicide.

whether or not an offence had been committed, it was preferable to consider the phrase "aiding or

aberting, counselling or procuring

The first minimum requirement

to constitute a person an accessory before the fact, was that those responsible for publishing the booklet would almost certainly know that a significant number of

those to whom the booklet was

intended to be sent would be

contemplating suicide. They would not know precisely the details of the

suicide, if it took place, but that did

not mean that they could not be

Second, if the recipients att-

empted to commit or committed suicide, the contents of the booklet

indicated that the publishers approved or assented to their doing

The final minimum requirement

shown to be accessories.

as a whole.

utilided to the declaratory relief was that in the case at least of certain recipients of the booklet, its Section 1 of the 1961 Act contents would encourage suicide.

In the ordinary case in deciding

The issue could be confined to

If the distribution of the booklet

accessory at or before the fact.

Christening

Court refuses to declare suicide booklet unlawful

Memorial services

The Earl of Ancaster

Diesel Engineers and Users

and Mr Peter Rost, MP.

Doctor of the Year



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 28: The Queen was represented by the Marquess of Cholmondeley (Lord Great Chamberlain) at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Ancaster (formerly Lord Great Chamberlain) which was held in St Margaret's, Westminster today.

CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE

April 28: Oueen Elizabeth The Oveen Mother, Patron of the Scottish National Memorial to David Livingstone Trust, this of Grand Chapter and invested of Grand Chapter and I David Livingstone Trust this morning laid a wreath on the grave of David Livingstone in Westmin-

ster Abbey. with the Grand Cha The Hon Mrs John Mulholland Connaught Rooms. and Captain Alastair Aird were in KENSINGTON PALACE

April 28: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott at the Memorial Service for The Earl of Ancaster which was held in St Margaret's. estminster today. The Duke of Gioucester was

present at the Ayrshure Agricultural Association Show in Ayr loday, His Royal Highness also visited Burns Cottage and the Robert Burns Museum at Alloway Village.

> Dr B. W. Holbrook and Miss D. Rowley

> > of Greenwich.

Mr M. C. Isaacs

London, NW8,

and Miss N.-F. Woolf

Mr C. L. Scahill and Miss S. J. Bayliss

Forthcoming

marriages

The engagement is announced between Christian, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Scahill, York Villa, Wesibourne Gardens, Hove, and Susan, elder daughter of Sir Richard B. 152, Park Square West, London, d Constance Lady Bayliss, Cell Farm Cottage, Loughton, Milton Keynes.

and Miss S. Bentley

The engagement is announced between Francis, eldest son of the late Sir Keith Showering and of Lady Showering, of Sharcombe Park, Dinder, Wells, Somerset, and Suki, daughter of Mr John Bentley, of Old Church Street, London, SW3, and Mrs Dodie Leach, of 49 Highfield Drive, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

Mr V. J. M. Hill and Miss C. M. H. Goodall The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the late V. M. Hill. RA, and of Mrs H. M. Hill, of The Flying Chariot. Hadleigh. Suffolk, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Goodall, of Mill Bank House, High

Millfield School

The following have been awarded academic and music scholarships at Millfield School from September,
Asademie schelere Cristra Coste
Millfield Junior School: Prop Gathell
Millfield Junior School: More Gathell
Millfield Junior School: Millfield Junior School: More Maddeck
Millfield Junior School: Mark Seymour
Millfield Junior School: Mark Seymour
Millfield Junior School: Tarquin Stillies
The Red House, Norton-on-Tees: Timoths
Wyles, Millfield Junior School: Mil thy Cranin, St

In addition to these scholarships, a substantial number of bursaries have been awarded for the coming academic year.

Bishop appointed

Before Mr Justice Woolf

[Judgment delivered April 28]

The Attorney General was refused declarations in the Queen's Bench Division that the supply of a

booklet entitled A Guide to Self

Deliverance in specified circum-stances was an offence under section

that would amount to declaring that

future conduct was criminal when

that conduct was not clearly in contravention of the criminal law

and when in each case the jury would have to decide whether the

The Attorney General claimed by an originating summons declar-auous against the defendants who

were members of the executive

nasia Society, publishers of the

provides: "A person who aids, abets, counsels or procures the suicide of

another, or an attempt by another to commit suicide, shall be liable on

conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not

exceeding fourteen years".

Mr Simon D. Brown and Mr

Stephen Aitchison for the Attorney General; Mr Geoffrey Robertson and Mr Andrew Nicoll for the

MR JUSTICE WOOLF said that

her Majesty's Attorney General applied for a declaration that in

specified circumstances the distri-

bution of a booklet entitled A Guide

to Self Deliverance which was '

nasia Society was unlawful as being either an offence or an attempted

offence under section 2(1) of the

The society was an unincorporated association of members and its

purpose included working for the legalization of voluntary cuthanasia.

The respondents to the proceed-

ings who were members of the

executive committee of the society, contended that this was not a proper

ed by the Voluntary Eutha-

members of the society.

Suicide Act 1961.

nunties of the Voluntary Eutha

Section 2(1) of the 1961 Act

necessary facts were proved.

2(1) of the Spicide Act 1961 since

The Venerable Arthur Henry Attwell. Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, has been appointed Bishop of Sodor and Man, in succession to the Right Rev Vernon Sampson Nicholls who is resigning on May 31.

His Royal Highness travelled in The Prince and Princess of Wales an aircraft of The Queen's Flight. | will open an exhibition, The Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as President of the Royal London Society for the Blind, this afternoon opened new Dorton House, Seven-

The Hon Mrs Munro was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST. JAMES'S PALACE

Grand Officers at Freemasons' Hall. His Royal Highness later lunched with the Grand Chapter Club in the

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE April 28: Princess Alexandra was present at the Tenth Annual Luncheon of the Appeals Com-mittee, Women's National Cancer Control Campaign, at Grosvenor Flouse, London, Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox

was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness was represented by the Hon Angus Ogilvy at the Memorial Service for the Earl of Ancaster which was held in St. Margaret's, Westminster today.

The marriage will take place tomorrow between Brian Holbrook, of Blackheath, and Drana Rowley, The engagement is announced between Martin Charles, son of Dr and Mrs S. L. Isaacs, of London, NW4, and Nadia-France, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. G. Woolf, of London, NW4, and Mrs L. G. Woolf, of

Mr A. J. Pelly and Miss J. C. Hair The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs P. J. Pelly, of Lansdown, Bath. and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. N. Hair, of Wylam, Northumber-Herr A. S. J. Schoft

and Miss C. M. Clark The engagement is announced between Andreas, younger son of the late Dr H. G. Schoft and of Frau A. Schoft, of Munich, West Germany, and Catriona, eldes, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. D. L. Clark, of 19 Offley Road, SW9, Mr J. M. Weldin

and Miss F. J. Nesbitt The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. G. Weldin, of Churt. Surrey, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs I. H. Nesbitt, of Bath.

Marriage

Mr P. D. Sandeman and Miss K. G. Fuller The marriage took place on Saturday, April 23, 1983 at St Mary's Church, Castle Eaton, of Mr

Birthdays today

Mr Sydney Box. 76; Sir John Cox. 83; Miss Zizi Jeanmaire. 59; Sir John Llewellyn. 68; Mr Rod McKuen. 50; Mr Zubin Mehla. 47; Sir Fraser Noble, 65; the Hon Jacob Rothschild, 47: Mr Rudolf Schwarz 78; Mr Jeremy Thorpe, 54; Mr David Tindle, 51; Sir Peter Youens 67; Mr Fred Zinneman, 76.

Patrick David Sandeman, son of Mr D. P. Sandeman, of Bolney, Sussex, and of Mrs Teresa Sandeman, of Redeliffe Gardens, London, and Miss Katherine Georgina Fuller, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Fuller, of Castle Eaton,

Gift for cathedrals The cathedrals of Gloucester Hereford and Worcester have each received £5.000 for renovation work from an anonymous benefactor in

British Columbia who visited the

cathedrals many years ago during a Three Choirs Festival.

jurnsdiction to grant declaratory relief since it was for the criminal

courts to apply the criminal law and

if the law was unclear the proper

body to clarify the law was Parliament and not the courts. They

also submitted that the distribution

in June 1981 and there had since been a considerable demand for it.

his Lordship was aware of the serious debate as to whether or not voluntary cultanasia should be legalized but was not in any way concerned with the morality of

voluntary cuthanasia or the morali-

ty of publishing and distributing the booklet. The court's sole concern

was with the legal issues between the parties and the lawfulness of distributing the booklet.

No suggestion had been made on behalf of the Attorney General that if it was lawful to distribute the booklet, there was anything objec-

tionable about the form or contents

of that booklet. If it was appropriate to distribute a booklet dealing with

how to end one's life, then the booklet provided a satisfactory treatment which it would not be

The booklet could deter a would-be suicide but it would in many

cases assist the recipient to commi

succeed in doing so. His Lordship

referred to extracts from the bookles in some detail in order to give effect to the balanced nature of its

contents, although its full effect

could only be obtained by reading it

His Lordship went on to deal

with the question of the propriety of the civil courts granting declaratory

relief in cases involving the criminal law. He accepted that there could be

circumstances where it was appro-

If it was open to a private individual to obtain such relief in

exceptional circumstances, it was

certainly open to the Attorney General to do so since his right to

seck the assistance of the civil courts

easy to improve upon.

The booklet was first distributed

of the booklet was not unlawful.

Attorney General v Able and case for the court to exercise its

Renaissance at Sutton Place, at Sutton Place, Guildford on May 17. The Prince of Wales will open the new building of the London Business School, Regent's Park, on May 26.

Princess Anne will attend the Variety Club of Great Britain's luncheon at the Hilton International hotel on June 7. Princess Anne will visit Cumbria on

June 28. Princess Anne will visit Essex on July 28. The Princess of Wales will open the new Griensby District General Hospital on July 26.

Princess Alexandra will be present at the reception for the first Sir John Keswick Memorial Lecture, in aid of Phab (Physically Handicapped and Able Bodied), at the Royal Institution of Great Britain, London, on May 19.

The Emperor of Japan is 82 today,

A memorial service for Marquess Camden will be held on Wednesday. May 4, in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks at noon.

A memorial service for Lieutenaut-General Sir Charles Gairdner will be held today at 2.30 at the Royal



The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Glasgow, the Most Rev Thomas Winning, with the Loving Cup, awarded each year by the city to those who bring honour to Glasgow. Archbishop Winning belped to organize last year's papal visit to Britain.

Latest wills

Mr John Downes Sampson, of Goring-by-Sca. West Sussex, accountant, left estate valued at £380,706 net. He left all of his properly to the Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association. Other estates include (net, before

tax paid): Abu-Issa, Mr Abdul Salam Mohammed, of Qalar and Tedding-ton, London, estate in England and Ella, North Humberside

Hoghes, Mr Berwyn Lloyd, of £431,193 ..£215.801 routh ______215,801 Yeabsley, Sir Richard Ernest, of Skegness, Lincolnshire£258,635 Taylor, Mr Laurence Claude, of

in upholding the criminal law had been fully recognized: see **tuorney** General v Bastow ([1957] 1 QB 514). There were, however, differences

between the present case and other cases where declaratory relief had been granted in aid of the criminal

law. Declarations were being sought

that certain conduct was criminal not that certain conduct was not

of future distributions of the booklet and it was a real possibility that if a declaration was granted, but despite that, further distributions took place, there could be a criminal

prosecution.

General's reference.

which were before it.

no case to answer.

The declarations were addressed

That made it particularly import-

ant that the court should bear in

mind the danger of usurping the purisdiction of the criminal courts.

position to obtain declarations as to

the law from the Court of Appeal Criminal Division on an Attorney

decision on such references fre-quently clarified the law, the court did so in relation to specific facts

Furthermore, if a court declared what enduct would be criminal, it

might be performing exactly the task

which the jury would have to perform at a criminal trial. If a court

ruled that conduct was not criminal.

it was performing a similar function

to the judge at a criminal trial who

stopped the case on a submission of

While recognizing the advantages of the application of the law being

clear in relation to future conduct it

would only be proper to grant a

declaration if it was clearly established that there was no risk of

treating conduct as criminal which was not clearly in contravention of

the criminal law.

Adopting that standard, his

Lordship would consider whether on the evidence, the Attorney

General had established that he was

entitled to the declaratory relief

However, while the court's

The Attorney General was in a

Royal College of Surgeons of England
Professor Geoffrey Slaney, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, yesterday

Dinners Two Citles Dining Club
Mr Patrick Jenkin, MP., 20companied by Mrs Jenkin was the guest of honour at a dinner of the Two Cities Dining Club held at the St Ermin's Hotel yesterday. Mr Kenneth Dibben presided.

All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club The annual dinner of The All The Loriners Company held a Court luncheon yesterday at Founders Hall. The Master, Councillor Norman N. Freedman. England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club was held vesterday at the Institute of Directors, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, Chairman presided. Sir Michael Havers, QC. MP, proposed the toast of the guests and the guest of honour, Lord Orr-Ewing, replied.

Conference for Independent Further Education The annual conference for Independent Further Education was held in Tonbridge last weekend. At the conference dinner Dr. R. M. W. Rickett, Director of the Middlesex Polytechnic, was guest of honour and replied to the toast to the guests and replied to the toast to the guests proposed by the chairman-elect, Mr Richard Smart. Guests included:
Mrs R M W Rickett. Professor and Mrs D W Bowett. Mr A O H Quick Gloadmaster of Sraefield College, the Headmaster of Sraefield College, the Headmaster of Tenbridge School and Mrs C H D Everett. Dr W A Homes-Walker (Skinners' Company), and Mr P Coon chead of the European Business School.

Royal Automobile Club At the annual dinner of the Chess Circle of the Royal Automobile Club held last night Mr Harry Golombek presented the Hamilton Russell Trophy, competed for by some of the West End clubs, to Mr Roger Smolski, captain of the RAC

am.

The dinner was chaired by Mr H. JATE.

Mr V. Bartlett The Speaker was represented by Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Vernon Bartlett held at St Bride's, Vernon Bartlett held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, yesterday, Prebendary Dewi Morgan officiated, assisted by the Rev Peter Clarke, Mr John Wing read from The Rock by T. S. Elliot and Mr Leonard Miall gave an address. Mr Edward Heath, MP, attended and others present included:

John Grigg, Mr A H P Humphrey. Mr
John Grigg, Mr David Glithour, Mr Philis
walkins Elridgewater Division Liberal
Association). Mr Maurica Lancaster
Beeriseak Club, Mr George Vine, Mr and
Mrs Tom Beistow, Mr A H K Slater, Mr and
Mrs Peerer Farley, Mr Paul Hobbrouge, Mr
Russedl Foreman, Mr Ned Hughes-Onsiow,
Mr George Clark, Mrs Paul Wilkert and Mr
and Mrs Philip Robinson.

Brigadier H. S. Hopkinson A memorial service for Brigadier Harry Sutherland Hopkinson was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, yesterday, The Rev J. S. Westmuckett officiated, assisted by the Rev David Ashburner. Mr Christopher Hopkinson (son) read the lesson and Major-General Sir Roy Redgrave gave an address. Among those

Tabor.

Major General John Willis, Brigadier P R
Body trepresenting The Queen's Dragoon
Cuards), Brigadier S C Cooper, Brigadier J
Woodroffe, Major Gavin Tweedie frep-recenting Regimental Hoadquarters, House-

Builders Merchants'

His Lordship came clearly to the

conclusion that there could be circumstances in which to supply

The fact that the supply of the booklet could be an offence did not

mean that any particular supply was an offence. The society was an unincorporated body and there could be no question of the society

could be proved it had to be shown that the individual concerned aided

and abetted, counselled or procured

an attempt at suicide or a suicide and intended to do so by

The intention of the individual would normally be interred from the

facts surrounding the particular supply. As a matter of principle, as long as there was the necessary

intent to assist those who were contemplating suicide, it did not

matter that the supplier did not know the state of mind of the actual

The requirement for the necess-

ary intent explained why where in the ordinary course of business a

person responsible for distributing an article appreciating that some

an article appreciating that som-individuals might use it for committing suicide was not guilty of

Such a distributor would have no

intention to assist the act of suicide.

An intention to assist need not, however, involve a desire that suicide should be committed or

His Lordship accepted that in

some cases the booklet might have

the effect of deterring someone from

committing suicide and such a supply would not amount to an

pted offence because

attempted offence because the booklet had not provided any assistance with a view to a contemplated suicide. Such assist-

ance was necessary to establish the actus reus for the attempted offence.
His Lordship concluded that to distribute the booklet could be an

be established to have been committed, it had to be proved that

ice but before an offence could

distributing the booklet.

Before an offence under section 2

he booklet could amount to an

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Company Nigel Hodges was christened Sophie Louisa by Canon Anthony Caesar in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace Warden, Mr John S Faulder, Keeper Law Report April 29 1983 Queen's Bench Division

Latest appointments include; Mr Peter Unwin to be Ambassado

ment

director of the Arts Council in succession to Dr Basil Deane, who is to be director of the Hongkong Academy of the Performing Arts. Lord Romsey to be chairman of Solent Cablevision the consortium which plans to provide cable television in part of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

Legal Mr Christopher Hord 5,QC to be a

Mr Christopher Hord a QC to be a Circuit Judge on the South-eastern Circuit.

The following to be Recorders on the South-eastern Circuit:

Mr P. C. Bowsher, QC, Mr P. N. Brandt, Mr H. Brooke, QC, Mr H. B. H. Carlisle, QC, mr G. H. Coombe, QC, Mr E. J. R. Crowther, Mr K. M. Devlin, Mr W. R. Fitch, Mr P. J. Halnan, Mr G. E. Heggs, Mr R. A. Henderson, QC, Major-General Sir David Hughes-Morgan, Mr M. J. Hyam, Mr P. J. E. Jackson, Mr T. Lawrence, Mr M. E. Lewer, QC, Mr L. J. Libbert, QC, Mr R. H. Lownie, Mr H. J. Montlake, Mr T. R. G. F. Ryland, Mr R. J. Southan, Mr N. Taylor, QC, Mr C. J. M. Tyrer, Mr E. G. Wrintmore.

University news

The Rev Vivian Green, Sub-Rector

Awards

Maxwell prize for lew moderations, 1983: J J

Marris, St. Peter's College; Brian Johnson prize
in pathology, 1932; divided between R Gundle,

9A, 8t Catherine's College; two thartel) and

Lestoy A Aying, BA, New College (non shird);

Cyrll Johnes memorial prize, 1983; Ratiesta &

M Gunner, Wedhern College; Mrs. Claude

Beddington modern languages prize, 1963; M.

J Trevelyan, Brasenicas College; Andrew Colin

prize, 1983; M. J Trevelyan; Marjon Countesa
of Warwick breeding bursery, 1963; Alson M

Clark, Christ Church; Sr. John Rhys

studentshape in Ceitic studies, 1963-4; Ediel M

Bhasehbasen RA Linearshy College, Duffit J



necessary intent, that is, he intended the booklet to be used by someone contemplating suicide and intended

that person would be assisted by the

booklet, and that while he still had

that intention he distributed the

the booklet to attempt to take or to

take his own life. Otherwise the alleged offender could not be guilty

If those facts could be proved then it did not make any difference

that the person would have tried to commit suicide anyway. Nor did it

make any difference that the information was already in the public domain.

between innocent and guilty distribution was that in the former

case the distributor would not have

the necessary intent while in the latter case he would. In each case, it

the Attorney General. However, since the supply of the booklet could

amount to an offence, the respon-

dents could not be granted a declaration that no offence was

committed.

The distinguishing

sisted or encouraged by reading

booklet to such a person who

of more than an attempt.

OBITUARY.

COUNT RUCELLAI Preservation of Florentine palazzo

Zibaldone, followed by a series

of studies by leading Renais-

sance scholars, were published by the Warburg Institute in 1960 and 1982. The appearance

of these volumes, which pro-

vide a unique insight into the

mind of a Quattrocento Floren-

tine patrician, was made poss-ible by the help and encourage-

ment given at every stage by Count and Countess Rucellai.

Socially, Bernardo Rucellai quietly, and with a dry, gentle

humour, supported his talented and versatile wife Christina (nee

Niccolini), renowned for her artistic sensibilities, charm and

vivacity as a hostess. He exemplified the old fashioned

Italian gentleman and could well be described as an "original

The ruling principles which guided his life were a sense of duty and piety, in the best sense of that word. This piety was

expressed not only through being a devout Catholic, who

read and inwardly digested the

works of St Thomas Aquinas, but also by his integrity, his generosity and his loyalty to his country his native city, his family and his friends.

His Tuscan patriotism some-

times came out in surprizing ways. Motoring in Florence some years ago he was held up

by road works and heard one of

the road menders swearing.

Getting out of his car he went

up to the man and said to him:

set an example of good speech. That is our duty, so we

shouldn't use swear words,

however cross we may feel or however provoking the circum-stances". This was said in so

serious yet friendly a tone that

the road mender apologized.

occupy a central position in Welsh musical life while being

taken largely for granted by

those whom he served. A

notable exception exists in the

case of Siloh Chapel, Aberyst-

with, where Charlie Clements

was appointed organist in 1917, where he designed and super-

vised the construction of a new

instrument, and where both the

fortieth and fiftieth anniversaries of his tenure were fittingly celebrated. During these years

he applied the same care and

professionalism to the ac-companiment of a six-year-old

lae, and patron and friend of thanked him and promised to

eon Battista Alberti. try to remember his duty better Substantial parts of this in future.

MR CHARLES CLEMENTS

Sir, we are Tuscans, so have to

in our time".

Mr John Bury writes: Many English and American visitors to Florence will remember with affection Bernardo Rucellai, for the past thirty years head of the ancient family of that name, who died on April

to the traditions of his family he

followed the example of his

mother, the American heiress

Edith Bronson, who had suc-

cessfully reacquired several

Rucellai properties alienated in

Perhaps the most notable

event in the gradual process of

recovering former possessions was the purchase by Count Rucellai from the heirs of Lord

Westbury of the collection of observations, memoirs and

moral precepts known as the

Zibaldone compiled by his ancestor Giovanni, builder of

the family house, and of the facade of the Rucellai family

church of Santa Maria Novel-

The death has occurred at the age of 84 of Charles Henry

Clements, MBE, FRCO, who retired in 1963 after 44 years' service to the Music Depart-

ment of University College of

Wales, Aberystwyth. He was first appointed in 1919 as Assistant to the then Gregynog Professor of Music, Sir Walford

Davies, became a Lecturer in

1926 and Senior Lecturer in

1954. In the meantime he had

served as Acting Head of Department from 1948 to 1950.

Charlie Clements, as he was

known to generations of Welsh

musicians and music-lovers,

1898 and only rarely and rejuctantly left that town.

was born in Aberystwyth in

Leon Battista Alberti.

Huw Ceredig writes:

previous generations.

23 at the age of 84. Conscious of his responsi-Royal Corps of Transport The Director General of Transport bilities as owner of the celeand Movements, Major-General W. M. Allen, held a dinner last night at brated town house designed by Leon Battista Alberti, in which Regent's Park Barracks Officers' his family had lived continu-Mess. The principal guests were Lieutenant-General Sir Paul Travously since it was built in the ers, Major-General Harold I. Small, US Army, Colonel J. E. Stallard, US Army, and Mr E. W. B. Lewis. mid 15th century, he devoted a large part of his energies and resources to its preservation. Chief Scientist (Army) Pool of with the loyal support of his wife, his sister and his younger brother. The erosion of the sandstone facade had gone

Technical Staff and Technical Intelligence Staff Officers (TA) Officers of the Chief Scientist (Army) Pool of Technical Staff and Technical Staff and Technical Intelligence Staff Officers (TA), held their annual dinner yesterday at the Offiziersheim, Neubiberg, Munich, West Germany, Lieutenant-Colonel B. D. dangerously far, but thanks to determined efforts the deterioration was arrested and the crumbling surface stabilized; so that lovers of Florence and admirers of Renaissance archi-McCulloch presided. The guests included Professor R. Wienecke, president of the Hochschule der Bundeswehr, and Colonel M. R. Vernon Powell, Commandant, tecture will in future generations unknowingly owe him and his family a great debt of gratitude. In his conscientious devotion

C. Mutkin and Mr H. Golombek; Mr W. R. Hartston and Mr R. G. Wade attended as guests. Mr D. K.

Birley was presented with the Sir Clarence Sadd Cup as winner of the

At a mess dinner held at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich yesterday members of the staff of the Commander in Chief, Naval Home

Command were entertained as the

principal guests. Commander A. H. F. Wilks, RN, president of the mess, welcomed the staff and Captain A.

A. Waugh, RN, responded on their

major interclub competition.

Service dinners

RNC Greenwich

Latest appointments to Hungary, in succession to Mr B. G. Cartledge who will be taking up a further Diplomatic Service appoint-

Mr Richard Lawrence to be music

Professor R. O. C. Norman FRS, of York University, to be Chief Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of

of Lincoln College, has been elected Rector of the college in succession to Lord Trend, who retires in September after 10 years.

His musical education was of the sound small-town variety until his horizons became broadened by the arrival of a group of Belgian professional musicians in Aberystwyth as First World War evacuces. Their influence scems to have propelled an immensely tal-ented schoolboy (whose homefrom-home for some years was at the piano in the local silent-

movie house) to a Lafontaine Prize of the Royal College of Organists, twice over, before he was out of his teens. century and more he should

unassuming nature and complete lack of worldly ambition it was inevitable that for a half-

Mr Cyril George Holland-Martin, who for some 30 years played a leading role in the ish Tabulating Machine Com-pany Ltd. (which later became

Given Charlie Clement's

Born on April 23, 1902, he was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. Having gained experience in several major engineering companies on both sides of the Atlantic, he joined BTM at Letchworth in 1933, becoming the director responsible for research and development in 1951 until his retire-ment in 1964. He therefore participated in the huge and rapid changes as data processing evolved from the punch card era to the computer age. He was instrumental in the founding of the European Computer Manu-

becoming its first president. During his Oxford days, he became intrigued by three emerging sports: skiing, ocean-racing and flying. He was one of the original members of the Royal Ocean Racing Club (founded by his cousin, George Martin) and over the next half century he sailed with leading yachtsmen in all the United Kingdom ocean races, including

the Fastnet, as well as the Bermuda race, crossing the Atlantic to do so. He was also an active member of the Ocean Cruising Club. •

and having examined the facts and the law, there was no form of declaration that it would be appropriate to grant.

Any clarification of the law had to

One happy consequence was that both parties would be at liberty to appeal and no doubt as a result of such an appeal all would be made clear. If it was not, only Parliament could provide the answer.

singer in a children's service as to that of any visiting celebrity. Charlie Clements worked with almost every singer of distinction of that era and with many of the postwar period also; among the instrumentalists who appreciated his work was the renowned violinist Jelly d'Aranyi, who more than once tried unsuccessfully to persuade Charlie to travel as her accompanist. He worked with Adolf Brodsky (the first violin-

concerto) towards the end of his career and with Gwyneth Jones towards the outset of hers. His first of very many broadcasts as solo pianist, accompanist and organist was made from Cardiff in 1924. No one at Aberystwyth, and few in the whole Principality, have given more to Welsh musical

ist to perform the Tchaikovsky

MR C. G. HOLLAND-MARTIN

hnical development of Britpany Ltd. (which later became When the Second World War International Computers Ltd.), broke out he joined the R.A.F., died on April 12 at his home in attaining the rank of squadron Overbury, Worcestershire.

facturers Association in 1961.

would be for a jury to decide whether the necessary facts were Difficulties were created by granting any form of declaration to

No declaration had been pro-duced which would not have the effect of indicating an offence had been committed when in fact no Emanuel Wax, author, theaoffence would have been committed

come not as a result of the granting of a declaration but from the limited assistance given in the course of the

> Studio, one of the first original television dramas to be broad-cast by the BBC. During the war he served in

Parallel with these maritime activities he learnt to fly, owning his own aircraft, and becoming a member of the Royal Auxilliary Air Force. leader.

In 1940 he was posted to Canada to train British airmen, and then returned to Britain in 1943 for other duties. Because of his knowledge of data processing, he was consulted in the early stages over the setting up of the system at Bletchley which was used to decipher the Enigma Code.

Cyril Holland-Martin was the last surviving of the six sons of Robert and Eleanor Holland-Martin (of the Martins banking family), and his death ends a family generation who made a marked impact on such diverse fields as banking, computers, the Royal Navy, agriculture, politics, horse-racing and sail-

In community affairs he was Chairman of the Juvenile Bench at Hitchin, and after his retirement to Worcestershire he became a magistrate at Evesham. He was active in Worcester diocesan affairs, and was a trustee of the Tewkesbury Abbey Lawn Trust. In 1933 he married Rosa

Chadwyck-Healey: he is survived by her, two of his three sons and his daughter.

EMANUEL WAX

trical manager and literary agent, known in the profession as Jimmy Wax, died in Ramsbury on April 23 in his seventy-second year. Born in London on May 1, 1911, he took a First Class degree in Law at New College, Oxford, and combined a legal practice with writing and translating plays from the French. With Rudolf Cartier he wrote Murder in the

Intelligence and later in the legal division of 21 Army Group in Germany.

He formed his own agency (ACTAC Ltd) commissioning new drama, and representing such authors as Christopher Fry and Harold Pinter, and presented plays in the provinces and London, sometimes under his own management.

Most recently he served as a director of H. M. Tennant Ltd. while promoting film and television production on both sides of the Atlantic.

المكذاس الدُجل

THE ARTS

Cinema

Seriousness woven into comedy

Tootsie (PG) Odeon Leicester Square

A Shocking Accident (PG)

Odeon Leicester Square

Ascendancy (15) Academy

Barbarosa (PG) Screen on the Green

III Fares the Land ICA

"I was a better man with you as a woman than I ever was with a woman as a man". Dustin Hoffman tells Jessica Lange in the final minutes of Tootsie after divesting himself of wig, dress, make-up, dazzing smile and southern accent. The convoluted sentence, blithely delivered across a Manhattan pavement, triumphantly sums up the film's comic games with sexual identities, unparalleled in mainstream Hollywood since Some Like It Hot. It also spotlights the serious thoughts about human behaviour woven into the comedy - a mixture that has belped Tootsie become the biggest American box-office success ever produced by Columbia.

Sydney Pollack's film impresses with its acuity and assurance even during the credit sequence. As Hoffman's embattled New York actor runs the gauntlet of doomed and itions, we sit back comfortable in the knowledge that performers, director and scriptwriters (Larry Gelbart and Murray Schisgal) know their business precisely. All, indeed, have consider-able experience of show business vicissitudes; Pollack himself began as an actor before turning to direction, and contributes a sharp, effective cameo as Hoffman's bewildered agent. The comedy remains bright-

Theatre

Banality

banished

Greenwich may seem to be

treading on Peter Hall's toes

with this promature revival of Harold Pinter's play, but Gary

Raymond's production is a very

different affair from the origina

National Theatre version. And,

as one of those left cold by that

occasion, I am glad to take this belated chance of acknowledg-

Thanks to the scale and glassy performance tryle of the Lyttelton production, I quit the

theatre mainly impressed by

pinter's ingenuity in telling a banal story backwards. At Greenwich, the story comes

into close-up and sheds any

trace of banality.

The size of the building has

something to do with this; but

so has the introduction of pop

songs for every nostalgically receding date (each song, a

learned colleague informs me,

belonging to the year in question), the use of lighting

(Brian Harris) to convey a sense

of mortal transience and, most

ing a beautiful piece of work

Betrayal

Greenwich

eyed as financial pressure transforms Hoffman's Michael Dorsey into "Dorothy Michaels" - a southern lady of poise and resilience who lands the part of a hospital administrator in a television serial called Southwest General. Anyone with experience of soap opera's crazy world will spot the awful truth behind the film's lampoon: the weathered matinee idol with neither talent nor memory; the actor who finds his character killed off when he requests a raise; the dialogue that sounds "like dialogue from a Czech movie". Tootsie recreates the panic and paraphernalia of American television in a way My Favourite Year never achieved

But the film's power principally derives from the extraordinary "Dorothy Michaels". From one standpoint, she is a blatantly theatrical creation, invented to fill a specific soap-opera role. Yet when Jessica Lange sadly murmurs "I miss Dorothy" in the closing minutes we borothy in the closing minutes we know exactly what she means: Hoffman's astonishing performance has given Dorothy real feminine warmth and individuality. The script acknowledges this, too, by never resorting to sniggers: obvious jokes about sharing a female bed or warding off men's advances are introduced. off men's advances are introduced only to be lightly brushed aside. This discretion ultimately leads Tooksie into trouble: some scenes ramble without a climax, making the 116 minutes perhaps 16 minutes too long. The script also ungenerously shoves: Teri Carr's character - Dorsey's absurdly insecure girlfriend - into a tight, unprofitable corner. But the bulk of the film is thoroughly entertainine

So indeed is the British film accompanying Tootsie on national release in many cinemas: A Shocking Accident, winner of this year's Oscar for the best live-action short. Recommending a short film may seem like recommending scarlet fever - so paltry have "full supporting programmes" become over the years. But James Scott's 25-minute version of a Graham Greene story is worlds removed from the documentaries on pearl fishing or Nato submarines occasionally encountered by unwary spectators. The shocking accident happens to the young hero's father: he is killed by an overweight pig crashing



Rapt commitment in a hair-shirt role: Julie Covington in Ascendancy

through a Naples balcony. Schoolmates consequently taunt the son with grunts; an aunt casually spreads the story during afternoon tea while her nephew cringes with embarrassment. Compared to Scott's previous work – the teasing feature Adult Fun, piercing documentaries on art, politics and society – A Shocking Accident is a work of modest ambition. But, with its sly humour, crisp structure and pointed visualization of a literary text, one can feel the same playful intelligence at work.

A clear, shaping intelligence similarly governs Edward Bennett's Ascendancy, made for the British Film Institute Production Board and winner of the Berlin Festival's Golden Bear award. However, it is hard to write about this pyschological study of Irish disorders in 1920 without dipping into the critic's deadliest adjectives: worthy, commendable, competent. Like Scott, Bennett has experience in provacative documentaries (Hogarth, Four Questions About Art), and this first step towards conventional narrative procedures shows an effective use of low-budget resources. The scattered locations (none of them in Ireland) afford memorable images: servants frozen in Remembrance Day silence in the grand mansion of James Wintour, a Belfast shippard owner, the congre-gation of a Catholic church huddled

in sanctuary during a violent night. Yet the striking moments and fascinating background of social decay fail to coalesce into compulsive

The problem chiefly stems from the depiction of the heroine, Wintour's haunted daughter, whose right arm hangs in phychosomatic paralysis since her beloved brother died in the Great War. Julie Covington, a specialist in hair-shirt roles, plays with her usual rapt commitment, but the character's obsessions never become the audience's, and the script's scheme of political-pyschological parallels remains forever in The film is compact, embryo. decently made, eloquently photo-graphed by Clive Tickner, greater enthusiasm, unfortunately, is imposs-

The comparative failure of Barbaresa is equally regrettable, for this is an example of that endangered species, the Western; yet the pleasure of seeing horses charging across Texas must be balanced against the pain of experiencing cinematic muddle. The Australian director Fred Schepisi, working for the first time in America. working for the first time in America, never finds an appropriate style to link the script's elements. Sometimes Barbarosa celebrates the Western myth of the unstoppable hero (Barbarosa himself, played by the country-and-western singer Willie

Nelson). Sometimes the film concen trates on a tale of romping robbers and multi-racial family fends; some-times it simply soaks up the landscapes, photograghed in Panavision by Ian Baker - Schepist's cameraman on The Devil's Playground (1976) and The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith (1978). But the strands remain unco-ordinated, and erratic post-synchronization only adds to the film's dishevelment. As in Honey-suckle Rose, Nelson displays a pleasant, mischevious screen presence, though he lacks the epic charisma his part demands; fans should also note that he never sings

The ICA is going Scottish during May, presenting amongst other items, the Bill Douglas trilogy and Bill Forsyth's That Sinking Feeling. The chief exhibit is Ill Fares the Land (May 4-8), a shapeles account of the last months on St Kilda, the far-flung inlands off Scotland's west coast, evacuated in 1930. St Kilda is now an American military base, which ex-plains why the film was mostly shot elsewhere. The writer-director, Bill Bryden, of National Theatre fame, recreates the dying world with such loving care that he drags the film down to the slow crawl of the islanders' hymn-singing. One is moved, but not very much.

Geoff Brown

Concerts

BBCSO/Sanderling Alfred Brendel

Queen Elizabeth Hall Festival Hall/Radio 3

same turbulent period around the First World War, his Second Piano Concerto. Not long ago this was almost as neglected as his Dostoevsky opera, pianists and audiences preferring the Concerto or the youthful grand romanticism of the First. But the more sinister contents of the G minor Concerto have begun to insinuate themselves into the repertory, though rarely can they have sounded so dark and poisonous as here in a strong, urgent performance by John Lill and the BBC Symphony Or-chestra under Kurt Sanderling.

The story of the first movement is one of progressive confusion and worry. Prokofiev begins with a lyrical theme, the most innocuous music in the whole work, and proceeds to nag at it until it shows its dangerous potentialities in the sort of nasty thick harmony that is characteristic of the work.

Mr Lill was excellent here. He started with a gracefulness unnervingly poised on the brink of catastrophe, and under the pressure of some threatening moves from Mr Sanderling he developed his part through ever stranger regions of gancheness.

dancing gargoyles, and he was now powerfully backed by his colleagues.

After this the finale could hardly be dashed off. The opportunities for carefree jollity, in the repetitive patterns, were taken rather to show how appalling a banal idea can become when it is mindlessly played over and over again, and the few sweet passages from the strings were siren songs that could not interrupt the concerto anced, perfectly characterized. in its massive, demonic course. Once more Mr Lill moved through every bar with the fearsome drive of wild obsession matched by immense confidence, and his black brilliance was felt in the same

measure by Mr Sanderling. Prefacing this performance had come the musical fairytale Kikimora, by Prokofiev's teacher Liadov, a composer whose only engaging trait was the laziness that kept his pieces few and tiny. More to the point was Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. heard after the interval, and complementing the Prokofiev as a four-movement circular journey within the locked sphere of its composer's head. Despite occasional lapses in important solos, this was a challenging, serious-minded account which constantly - in the way the Scherzo smiled

new ways to tell the old emotional narrative. Paul Griffiths

through its tears, for example,

or in the depressed dreamness at

the start of the finale - found

Almost as a curtain-raiser to / Since October last year Alfred The Gambler at the Coliseum, Brendel has been on a pilgrimthe Royal Philharmonic Society age. Geographically it has taken on Wednesday presented an-him through Switzerland. other Prokofiev work from that Germany, France, Holland and England: musically it has led him through the labyrinthing uniquely in tune. His cycle of been one of the most remarkand omega.

balanced by the very last, the tense Op 111; at the centre were two of the great "middle period" sonatas, the D major, Op 28, and "Das Lebewohl",

Stylistically, then, there was a logical progression, which in Brendel's sharply defined playing was charted to graphic and revealing effect. In each sonata frantic enough to strain the individuality but also with a orchestra a bit and the purpet sense of rightness which left one play of the third manufacture. play of the third movement was all but speechless, so naturally

> turn Brendel offered some new insight into a bar, a phrase, a note, even a pause. In the D major Sonata, Op 28, for example, those little tentative thematic fragments uttered just before the start of the recapitulation in the first movement were given with a sense of questioning and doubting which sounded entirely original yet was perfectly placed in context.

Op 111 the sudden drawing back from the forceful third variation to the pianissimo of the fourth lent the music a harrowing impact, something reinforced by Brendel's commanding performance of the final pages of the sonata -serene, profound and intensely moving.

Brendel sees it as a "moral

duty to make music in as visionary, moving, mysterious, thoughtful, amusing, graceful a manner as we are able to". In this cycle his duty was fulfilled with consummate artistry.

Television Age of consent

told is a much-examined skel-Appropriately, it was the first in the series Britain in the Thirties. The trouble was that there were so many participants to field that the material and potential Nonetheless, it was a gripping anything". piece of television.

The mutiny arose over pay. Ramsay MacDonald's National Government was vainly trying to keep the gold standard. It cut unemployment benefit by 10 per cent and welcomed the Admiralty's extraordinary offer to pay all men on pre-1925 scales, which meant that many would get a 25 per cent cut. Their families already suf-

fered considerable hardship, which the Royal Naval Benevolent Fund could not adequately relieve. The cut, which the men of the Atlantic Fleet heard of through a radio broadcast, was the last straw. After meetings ashore, the

mutiny occurred on September 15, 1931. The anchorage at Invergordon echoed all day to the cheers of men on the fo c sies of their ships - the method by which they kept up spirits and assured themselves of solidarity.

The Muthay at Invergordon The programme included (BBC2 last night) is a story that recollections from ratings and can always stand a re-telling the officers. One of the latter shock-horror story of sailors recalled how a beer mug had refusing to do what they were been thrown at him, an action confirmed by former ratings but total is a intersectional cupboard. evidently untypical. Another Appropriately, it was the first in former officer reflected on Admiral Tomlinson, standing in for the C-in-C who was ill in Plymouth - "a quiet unpleasant little man" who "was quite were too much for the time, unfit to take command of

> The Admiralty reacted slowly, the Government thought it a Red plot - it being the fashion to attribute to Reds a cunning almost beyond human capacity. The ships were recalled to their home ports with a promise of inquiries and no victimization. The inquiries were ineffectual; the promise was broken, Len Wincott, one of the leaders who appeared, and 120 others were discharged with 13s, each and a railway warrant. For many others it meant no further promotion. Wincott later joined the Communist Party and went to live in Russia.

The lesson drawn, the programme concluded, was that a twentieth-century navy could only be run with the consent of the men below decks. Something there, I suppose, except that it took a war to drive it

Dennis Hackett

Jazz

Follow that . .

Miles Davis

Odeon, Hammersmith

was wrong when I swore not to see Miles Davis again. That was back in the mid-Seventies when he was thrashing around on a jazz/rock sea like a man on a raft, and I did not want to return to see jazz's greatest modern stylist drown trying to keep up with fashion.

Duty took me back to Hammersmith on Wednesday and there he was, still affoat on the jazz/rock/whatever gulf stream, but now like a man winning the America's Cup, not clinging to wreckage. The clinging to wreckage. The difference was spectacular. His trumpet playing had lost all hesitation and become more assured, more fluent, than I have ever heard it. He did things in one breath that might have taken three before - a favourite was playing a choice mid-register phrase, swooping up to a thrilling high note and then spiralling down to a wispy echo of the first phrase, in one long line. Playing fast or high. he never missed a trick; at slow tempo he sounded like the old

This new confidence has led to two amazing revolutions. One is that instead of ignoring the rest of the group he often supports other soloists by simultaneously playing trumpet with the left hand and stabbing

keyboard chords with the right like some ope-man big band. The other is that he has broken a 30-year oath to ignore his public and now waves back, flirts with their applause and even comes downstage to tease the photographers. At this rate he will be talking to us by 1985.

His crew moved smoothly to his commands. The saxophon-ist Bill Evans is lightweight and nimble, Tom Barney and Al Foster make a perfect bass/ drums engine team, slipping from thudding rock to the subtlest jazz backing, while Mino Cinclu, off to one side in his Latin American engineering shop, fills in any unnoticed gaps. Up in the rigging, Mike Stern's blues-based guitar is superb stuff, with one solo near the end so full of passion, light and shade it almost stole the show, though John Scofield's jazzier playing, even if fluent, is as monochrome as almost all jazz güitar has been since they

first plugged it into the mains.

Prowling everywhere was the
captain, liberated from a standmike by some miracle trumpet attachment so that he could walk, play and keep an eye on the ship all at the same time. Miles Davis is back on the high seas and in front of the fleet again. I am not sure if he knows his final destination, but I would be a fool not to follow him this time.

Miles Kington



no frolic; Mr Lill's movements did he apply his incomparable were bulky and menacing, like techniques to the demands of the music.

It goes without saying that he can call on a kaleidoscopic range of piano tone and produce playing which constantly impresses through its clarity and depth of feeling. But, more than that, each phrase of the music was vested with structural and emotional significance. Nothing was deemed superfluous or unimportant; each sonata was perfectly crafted, perfectly bal-

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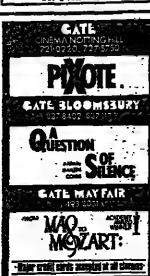


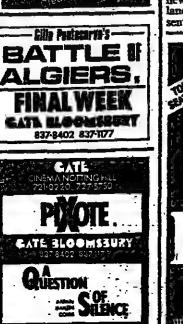
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Raymond and his two partners, Suzan Farmer and Edward

All my memory preserved of the dialogue was of exchanges of small talk between an affluently anonymous trio whose lives consist of restaurant lunches, book chat, family routine and adultery in the afternoon. The small talk is there all right, but only as a mask behind which each character is observing the others and waiting for his own advantage: Even when conver-

Werther

telegraph the unspoken.

Witness Miss Farmer's eyes, invisible to her husband, as he prowls round the bedroom speculating on why Jerry should have written to her in Venice. "What do you think of Jerry as a letter writer?" Mr Hardwicke spits out. And, when she cuts his game short and unambiguously confesses the relationship, her line has the same kind of impact as a climax

advantage: Even when conver- Details of the multiple sation is flowing tranquilly betrayal are brilliantly clarified

in Racine.

Theatre Royal, Glasgow

The sorrows of young Werther are being played out this week. in Glasgow in Scottish Opera's new co-production with Nether-lands Opera, who first preit is Charlotte who dominates this production.



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Opera Massenet - obviously realized, and as Rhoda Levine directing acknowledges, it is Charlotte who initially gripped Goethe's imagination; it is Charlotte whose presence advertises the opera on Scottish Opera's poster; and, with Cynthia Buchan magnificent in the role,

Miss Buchan's fluent and perceptive command of the verbal and musical language (the production is, for better or for worse, in French), her ability to inflect and ease in and out of the melodic line, are unmatched by anyone else on stage. Through the strong core of her voice and personality it is the vehicle for a boldly individual, highly intelligent characteriza-tion, carefully detailed and powerfully developed.

The dignity and conviction of her Act I declaration that Albert m'aime - et je suis sa femme" is the touchstone for her tour de force in the central third act. Vocally and physically containing her suppressed emotion until it spills out in her unaccompanied cry of agony and in the rage within her prayer to God, Miss Buchan skilfully paces the revelation of Charlotte's suffering. And when she silently months with Werther the words of Ossian she seems to underline the cruel incompatability of her love of a person and his love of love alone.

For Dennis O'Neill empha-sizes the emotional isolation of a Werther who is also more than half in love with easeful death. His placidity verges or paralysis; recalling Goethe's own words about embitterment through want of action, he if anything underplays the ardour for life which is surely there too in Massenet's music. But, for all his continually downcast eyes and occasionally swallowed words, it is a compelling performance, well thought through and musically sung.

emotionally. After the Venice

scene, Mr Hardwicke tells the

lover that the high spot of the

trip was a morning he spent

alone: an innocent remark

brimming with revenge and pain once you consider it. The

accumulation of these poison-

ous ironies is one benefit of the

reverse parrative; another is the

mordant itinerary from the

spiritless end of the affair ("I don't think we don't love each

other") to the rapturous open-

Irving Wardle

ing declarations at the end.

Rhoda Levine's unobtrusive production lets the changing seasons speak for themselves: like the functional, inoffensive sets of John Conklin with whom she has often worked in the United States she makes no points but gives plenty of space for individual interpretation and movement (particularly

imaginative with the children). Alan Watt is a competent and credible Albert, Deborah Rees a lightweight, perfectly agreeable Sophie, while Brian Bannatyne-Scott as Johann and William McCue as Le Bailti deserve more than a word of praise. Next to Miss Buchan the star of the evening should perhaps be Roderick Brydon, totally at one with Massenet's music, substantiating all that is going on on stage and drawing dramatic playing, lithe and supple with inner detail, from the Scottish Opera Orchestra

Hilary Finch

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department stores chain, including famous names such as Harvey Nichols, Hamleys and Lotus, tipped as the next bid target following the demise of UDS Group.

twenty City institutions to try to deflect some of the bid speculation and point out the group's a bid will arrive - but when. growing trading prospects. Sales at Harvey Nichols and Hamleys are running 20 per cent higher than last year with demand for Lotus shoes, suppliers to Marks

The barricades are going up at Debenhams, the high street

& Spencer, also picking up.

Mr Thornton said that
Debenhams had received sevcral inquiries for its Welbeck Finance subsidiary and had turned down offers amounting to £65m,

Brokers Laurie Millbank is looking for profit of £20m this year against £13.1m last year. Yesterday, the shares held

UDS Group.

Earlier this week, Mr Robert
Thornton, chairman, and Mr
Kenneth Bishop, finance director, had talks with more than

last month. It is estimated to the main talking point in the market with the FT index again now or around 4 per cent of the country. Last night, Mr Ronson was not available for comment.

Shares changed hands. How-The question dealers are asking themselves now is not if

> The last word on ICI's first-Mackenzic. Earlier this month, he upgraded full-year estimates he will zaleints that this figure should be £500m. The recent strength in sterling against most European currencies, including week, the company denied it the Deutschemark, should be had received a bid from week they officed by an improved Secretary at 115, imperial Group Mackenzic, European denied from the Scott for this properties. In the Canadian distillation of the secretary strength in sterling against most the Canadian distillation. more than offset by an improved Seagrams, the Canadian distil-

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ever, profit takers made sure the index failed to hold its best levels and:it eventually closed 2.2 down at 696.8.

Leading equities experienced quarter figures yesterday came a good day's trading with from Mr Jim Cook, analyst with Beecham closing unchanged at the Scottish brokers, Wood 411p, after 415, Imperial Group

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Those investors who see seld

Those investors who got cold feet in Bellair Cosmetics last week will be kicking themselves today following yesterday's announcement that the shares had leapt from 75p to 140p following a return from suspenwill continue to be the most buoyant and fastest growing product in the drink sector over the next year. They also urge investors to hold on to their stakes in Merrydown cider, 10p dearer at 550p. Shares of Charles Baynes rose 5p to 38p after James Neill Holdings announced it had sold 1.7 million charses poorth 556 200

accept the terms.

Trust Securities has fired another salvo in its £105m bid for Percy Bilton. Trust says the Bilton property portfolio has been poorly managed and that 350,000 sq ft of the group's industrial property is unlet. Shares of Bass rose 8p to 322p yesterday—4p shart of the year's high. Broker Scrimgeour, Kemp-Gec says that the sector has hung behind the rest of the market recently and that the This represents less than 5 per cent of Bilton's portfolio. But the prospects for Bilton

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 698.8 down 2.2 FT Gilts: 81.60 unchanged FT All Share: 439.34 down Bargains: 25,765 Tring Hall USM Index: 172.3

Tokyo: 8636.56 up 1.77 **Hongkong:** 1012.61 down 21,15

New York: Dow Jones Aver age (latest) 1210.04 up 1.64

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling \$1,5595 down 65pts Index 84.2 unchanged DM 3.8450 Yen 371.50 Dollar Index 122.8 up 0.3 DM 2.4635 up 115pts

Gold \$429 down \$2.50 **NEW YORK LATEST** Gold \$428.50. Sterling \$1.5595

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Base rates 10 3 month Interbank 1014-101/a Euro-currency rates: 3 month dollar 87/6-9 3 month DM 51/16-415/16 3 month 131/6-13 ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling

Export Finance Scheme N Average reference rate for interest period March 2 to April 5, 1983 Inclusive: 10.974 per

PRICE CHANGES

Davies & Newman 181p up Bodycote 59p up 6p Websters 75p up 7p Grosvenor 144p up 13p

J. Laing 112p up 10p B. Elliott 36p up 3p Comb Tech 39p down 6p Venterspost 211.6875. down £1.375 Lake & Elliot 27p down 3p Doornfontein 217.875,

Winkiehaak £26.375, down-

W. Rand Cons 599p, down

TODAY

Interims: None announced Finals: Clayton, Son and Co (Hidgs), Cole Grp, Hopkinsons Hidgs, IMI; Liberty, Long and Hambly (17 months); Pentland Inds, Sunlight Service Grp. Economic statistics; Balance of payments current account and overseas trade figures (March).

Hoover trading profits improve

Hoover, the domestic appliance group, continued to improve its trading perform-ance in the first quarter of the wear, even though it was still in loss at the pretax level. The figure was £736,000 against £1.9m for the same period last

At the trading level there was a profit of £66,000 against a loss of £916,000. The group reduced staff by 900 last year, to 5,900 but this year any further cut backs will be small. An average price rise of about 5 per cent is coming through shortly. Hoover says it has been obtaining better profits even without price rises. by introducing new higher margined products.

The company's borrowings have been reduced, so that interest payments for the period were £492,000 against £1m for the same time last year. Group sales were up by 8.2 per cent, at

 DEALINGS BAN: J&P
Coated, the Scottish thread. manufacture, was banned by the High Court in London vesterday from dealings in the shares or assets of its wholly owned English subsidiary. Davidson MacGregor. An injuction until May 6 has been granted to Buccaneer which charging alleges that Coated failed to complete an agreement for the sale to Buccaneer of the entire issued share capital of

• INCOME INCREASE: Tricentrol, the independent British oil company, yesterday reported first quarter net income of £5.3m. £1.0m up on last year's figure. Mr James Longcroft, the chairman, said that Tricentrol had accepted the new North Sea oil price of \$30 a

Davidson MacGregor.

later this year. A Hong Kong Mr. Goldsmith feels that obligations and rejects harmobranch was opened in 1978.

Britain's negative position has

mixed in moderate

New York (AP-Dow Jones) -Stocks were pulling back and turned mixed in medicate trading The Dow Jones indus-trial average was down a fraction after being ahead more than four points earlier. Advancing issues led declines

Honeywell way np 2½ at 107½ International Business. Machines np ½ at 116½. Motorola up ½ at 108½ Taxas Instruments down 1½ at 144½. Control Data down 1½ to 46½. Teledyne unchanged at 1401

General Electric up % at 109% and Digital Equipment down 2% at 144%. Data General was down 6% at 66%. The company said it knew no internal or external reason for Wednesday's rise of 104 A report in a Boston newspaper yesterday said the rise was linked to rumours of a merger or acquisition but the company said it knew of no

company sam in takeover offers.

General Dynamics was 49% up % Procter & Gamble 61% off in Standard 1. Upjohn 56½ off 3. Standard Oil-Ohio 46½ up 3. Merck 90 ¼ unchanged

Smith says study challenges Lonrho argument

Pension funds opposed to Harrods demerger, claims Fraser chairman

An independent report commissioned by the National Association of Pension Funds on the battle between Lonrho and the main House of Fraser board over whether Harrods should be demerged from the rest of the department stores group, "endorses our view and diminishes Lonrho's argument," Professor Roland Smith, Fraser's chairman; claimed yesterday.

The report, prepared by auditors Coopers & Lybrand, was commissioned to help pension funds with a shareholding in House of Fraser to form a view on the war of words being fought through circulars from Lonrbo and the main board on the demerger issue Lourho, the international trading group headed by Mr Roland Tiny Rowland, is trying of persuade other House of Fraser shareholders to vote against a board resolution at a shareholders meeting in Glasgow next Friday that Harrods remain in the

group.

The resolution is linked to a



vote of confidence in the board. Announcing presax profits for last year up from £28m in 1981 drew attention to a paragraph in the report's conclusion that appeared to challenge Lonrho's contention that shareholders risk nothing by demerging

Harrods, the London depart-The report states: "We think

that risks will arise from the demerger. Those risks will ultimately be passed through to shareholders who will have to judge whether their incurrence

Heavy fund

investment

abroad

By Our Financial Staff

continuing to invest overseas with 27 per cent of total

cashflow pumped into foreign markets during 1982, according

to the latest pension survey from

stockbrokers, Wood Mackenzie.

Fund managers also turned over their foreign investments more quickly with activity twice as great as in UK equities. With £1,209m channelled into over-

seas equities, foreign stock-markets were the principal area of investment in 1982.

The Wood Mackenzie survey

covers nearly 700 pension fund

with a market value of £47 billion and represents 56 per cent of all UK pension fund

Property remained out of favour soaking up only 13 per cent of total cashflow in 1982

compared with 23 per cent in

Average monetary return was

28.9 per cent during 1982, though returns ranged from 8.9

pre cent in property to 52.4 per cent in fixed interest securities.

In real terms, pension funds

have shown an average return of 4.8 over the last five years.

With pension fund actuaries

expecting a real return of only 3

per cent, the figure of 4.8 per

hald by the Centre for Policy Studies in its pension review that pension funds are currently overfunded, providing an ideal

Pension fund managers are

The report continues: "Both parties lay claim to protecting Harrods, However, the demerger of Harrods will not of itself afford protection as a demerger, Harrods may become the subject of a takeover bid with consequences that cannot be

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gators may be caught up in the problems of Exchange Securi-ties and Commodities, the Warwick-based investment

management group founded by

Yesterday the Department of Trade revealed that it has

petitioned the High Court for

he compulsory winding-up of

ESC plus five more of Mr

Hunt's companies. This follows

a month long investigation of

Mr Hunt's firms by Department

In addition to these moves

the department is trying to revoke the licensed dealerships

of three more of Mr Hunt's

companies which advertise for

funds from the public. These include Exchange Securities

Financial Services, and Ex-

change Securities Investment

Management, which operates

The Department of Trade

says it has been trying to track

down Mr Hunt for two weeks

with no success. The official

from Mayfair, in London.

Mr Keith Hunt.

of Trade inspectors.

Up to 2,000 private investi-

minority directors "are not based on the financial projections prepared by the working The attitude of the Merchant Navy pension fund in particular, which has comparatively

neutral stance, states that the

profit returns quoted by the

recently built up a stake of 3 per cent of Fraser shares, is thought to be crucial for next week's

The Merchant Navy fund has not yet exercised its voting power in a fight between the oard and Lonrho

House of Fraser is meanwhile planning to move ahead with a £50m redevelopment of Barkers of Kensington, west London, in conjunction with London and Metropolitan Estates.

Fraser's contribution to the cost of the development will be to inject the freehold valued at

Professor Smith said an Professor Smith said also be announcement would also be made shortly on what was to be done with the Army and Navy store in central London which lost £500.000 last year.

Hunt: managed '£7.5m'

Receiver has been appointed

provisional liquidator by the court and a special squad from

accountants Thomson McLin-

tock was yesterday encamped in

Exchange Securities' Warwick

Yesterday a spokesman for the Thomson McLintock team

said it was there to preserve the assets left in the group. It was too early to know the fate of

clients' money, Mr Hunt, well

known for proclaiming his

scientific investment techniques

at one point said he had £7.5m

Institute for Economic Affairs. The study, The Birth of Enterprise, criticiz-Call to wind up six es the lack of government commitment towards the small companies sector, **Hunt companies**

Lack of suitable premises and the difficulties of raising start-up capital and financing early growth were what the Government should be focusing on. The banks too need to fundamentally change their attitudes, the study says, and become less cautious towards the small companies.

These prescriptions are not new but there may well be something in the call for a more long-term and dynamic approach. On the loan guarantee

scheme, for instance, the authors say the Govern-ment should abolish the 3 per cent interest rate premium and worry less about whether it is immediately self-financing. Instead it should view the scheme over a longer perspective and think of the taxes which the entrepreneur of today will pay as the big company of tomorrow.



Bank issues indexed long tap

By Sally White

The Bank of England took he gift market by surprise with yesterday. It is a new form of overnment security, as it is an index-linked Treasury convertfble partly paid and to be issued The gilt market saw the new

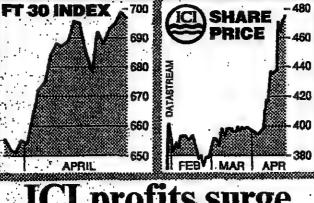
tap as an attempt to make progress with government funding, which has been lagging in the unmertainty about the election. The index-linked element is a bedge against the inflation rises feared by some fund managers in case of a Labour victory, and the conversion into conventional stock appeals to hopes of capital gains on gift price rises should there be a Conservative victory.

The gilt market fell as a result, because the tender on

May 5 will, assuming, as expected that the new tap will be at least fully subscribed, take £400m out of the market. By the close, long dates were down a half point, mediums a quarter and shorts were down an cigoth. The stance of the authorities is that funding is going smoothly, and that the tap is designed to appeal to institutional investors who have been worried about possible fises in inflation rates. The forecasts for the money supply figures released by number of gin brokers for April carry pessimistic assump-tions for inflation and the market had been expecting the

authorities to overfund The terms of the tap is that the £1bn of 2½ per cent index-linked Treasury convertible 1999 is 40 per cent payable on May 5, the remaining 30 per cent on June 6 and the balance on July 4. The stock is convertible into 101, conversion stock 1999.

Conversion dates are November 22, 1983, May 22, 1984 and November 22, 1984. There is no minimum tender price. But if the stock went at par, which seems unlikely the real yield would be 2.52 per cent and the yield to redemption on the convertible would be 9.82



ICI profits surge surprises market

ICI surprised the stock market at midday by announcing a £128m pretax profit figure for the first quarter of 1983. That is well over twice the £62m it made in the first quarter last year and £18m shead of the most optimistic

estimates. The figures, released less than a minute after the noon calculation of the FT 30-share index, were enough to push the index through the 700 level by

ICEs own shares rose to over 490p before reconsideration of the implications, together with profit-taking brought them back to close at 476p - a rise of 2p on the day. The index closed at 696.8 down 2.2 on the day. This its leading is the second day running the performed index has topped 700, but failed to close at or above that level. two main factors: ICI apart, it

was not a heavy trading day, and a closer look at ICI's figures prompted brokers' analysts to net out around £20m of the pretax figure as "potentially excep-This attitude is endoresed by ICI itself. Mr Alan Clements.

the finance director, told The Times, yesterday: "obviously it is encouraging to report in-creased profits of this nature, but as we have indicated there is a possible one-off element involved. On the other hand, there has been a genuine volume improvement of 4 per cent in the first quarter but again, so far, this has been localized and patchy."

The company states that all chemical businesses performed better than during the previous quarter, with the improvement concentrated in The market's failure to hold western Europe. Elsewhere, its earlier gains is attributable to business remained flat. Investors' notebook, page 18

36,000 in steel protest

From Bailey Morris, Washington

House coincided with the release of Congressional testimony in which Mr Lloyd McBride, the president of the Steelworkers union, demanded a full-scale Congressional inves-

Workers from the Fairless Hill steelworks near Philadel-phia, Pennsylvania, which would be affected by the venture delivered more than 36,000 letters to the White House urging President Reagan to block the proposed venture.

Citing continuing high unem-

Their march on the White

opportunity when surplus cash is available within the funds, to improve the benefits of deferred censioners (early leavers). It also accounts for the decline in real terms on pension

ched a two-pronged drive yesterday to block a proposed joint venture by British Steel and US Steel Corporation,

American steelworkers lannned a two-proped drive industry, the workers - memesterday to block a proposed bers of the Unibed Steelworkers of America, said that they did subsidized steel from abroad.

fend contributions, down about 29 per cent on the previous year as employers cut back on the cash going into the funds.

A free advisory service for Britzin's 12million pension fund members was launched in London yesterday. The Occupational ons Advisory Services (OPAS) has veen formed in response to the call made by the Occupational Pensions Board in a report last year for a personal advice service for employees and pensioners in occupational pen-

> OPAS, which would be in a position to start operating in a couple of months is linking up with the Citizeus' Advice Bureau (CAB), which has 850 offices round the country. It offers free advice to anyone in offers free advice to anyone as an occupational pension scheme. Where appropriate, they will be directed to their employer or trade union rep-resentative or advised by pension experts, many of whom, OPAS hopes, will work volun-

tarily.
The OPAS initiative is the brainchild of Miss Margaret Grainger, a senior civil servant

Linfood may bid for Key Markets

is considering a number of alternatives, including bidding for the Key Markets chain within Fitch Lovell.

Fitch Lovell has been in talks with the American-owned Safeway Food Stores to sell Key. Markets for a reported £35m. The move has been seen as a defensive one, effectively re-

Linfood Holdings, which is in moving from Fifth Lovell its alternatives to the reported the middle of a bitterly-fought prime attraction for Linfood. sale of Key Markets to Safeway.

The Safeway move has come

e expectation is that the bid will be given the green light.

Linfood wrote yesterday to you probably supplied to Fitch asking for a meeting to Safeway during the course of discuss "a number of possible negotiations."

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

as the Monopolies and Mergers Commission recommendation on the £96m Linfood bid for Fitch is about to be announced.

The letter makes clear that one of the alternatives could be an offer by Linfood to purchase 106 Key Markets stores. The letter adds: "We would expect to receive full information regarding Key Markets such as

Improved overall profit in difficult markets

Points from the Statement by the Chairman, J.E.H. Collins, MBE, DSC:-

Results and Dividends The results reflect the intensified competition experienced by the insurance industry in the territories in which the Group operates. In spite of the impact of the underwriting results on cash flows, there was a very satisfactory increase in

The Directors are able to recommend the payment of a final dividend which, with the interim dividend paid in January 1983, will constitute an increase of 11.4% compared with the dividends paid in respect of the year 1981. After the appropriation for dividends, £28.7m has been transferred to retained profits.

United Kingdom The magnitude of the underwriting losses experienced by the market should result in premium rates hardening and also discourage underwriters from following the policy of writing risks solely to obtain premium volume irrespective of the size of the potential liabilities they may be incurring. Some improvement in terms for

marine and aviation business was obtained. .Considerable progress has been achieved in restructuring our branch and claims bureau organization and in the introduction of mini computers to our field

Other Territories The improvement in our German result has materialised. In Canada, whilst higher premium rates were forced through, this has continued to result in business being lost to competitors. The generally poor underwriting performance of companies within the United States is reflected in a deterioration in our own experience. In

Australia there was a marked improvement in rating levels and our local company is now well placed. Some signs of discipline are returning to the South African market where we achieved a much improved and profitable result, but trading in the Republic of Ireland produced an underwriting loss in excess of the investment income earned.



Life New business growth plans were again achieved overall and new annual premiums increased by 15% with new single premiums recording a 138% rise. A special bonus to policyholders led to a record contribution in the Accounts.

Prospects We shall actively continue our policy of working primarily towards improvement in profitability rather than increase in volume in all territories and classes of business. We believe that our policy of selective underwriting should leave us well placed to take



advantage of any upturn in market conditions.

Copies of the full Annual Report for 1982 are obtainable from The Secretary, Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance plc, Royal Exchange, London &C3V 3LS.

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New minister needed for EEC reforms, says Goldsmith

Call for European free trade

appoint a Cabinet minister to take over and foist silly without portfolio to spearhead a controls on people such as the coordinated reforming crusade famous pet tortoise regulations

on an intriguing campaign to reactivate the stalled progress of the European Community by switching its emphasis back to should concentrate attention on free trade between member the creation of a true free countries.

"Businessmen are less than be enough time for these happy with many aspects of the damaging bureaucratic venCommon Market", said institure director-general Mr Waher

Goldsmith, as he launched a 64- of recommendations for reform

The Prime Minister should, allowed bureaucrats in Brussels. within the EEC, the Institute as well as important directives of Directors urged yesterday. on multinationals and em-The institute has embarked ployee participation which his institute has strongly opposed.

He thinks that Britain should now seize the initiative. "We market. Then there would not

BNOC's right to backdate its price cuts to February and March.

BANK EXPANSION: The Royal Bank of Scotland has had its application to open 2 Singapore branch approved by the country's monetary authority. It plans to start business later this year. A Hong Kong branch was opened in 1978.

Goldsmith, as he launched a 64. of recommendations for reform page policy document entitled runs to 73, covering anything from the Low Voltage Directive, which it supports, to the nonetary compensation amounts, which it wants abolished. It urges through going reforms of the Common Agricultural Policy, endorses plans to harmonize trade union obligations and rejects harmonized.



Goldsmith: 'silly controls'

nization of employee particicountry imports, such as volun- ing and harmonizing VAT

Although formal tariffs may have been abolished internally there are still many non-tariff barriers and impediments to free trade ranging from competing state support systems to unhelpful border guards. "We have not got free movement of goods and services", says Mr Goldsmith, As an instance, the

tary restraint agreements. It procedures throughout wants to translate the Treaty of

port of Dover has customs officials on duty every day but those at Calais do not work at weekends. The institute wants to dis-

mantle border controls "except where absolutely necessary on health and security grounds" and harmonize procedures for But its main emphasis is on the benefit of cross-border improving the working of the traders. It also wants to EEC's internal market and harmonize product standards stopping individual EEC coun- and make type approval certifitries from adopting different cation the same, to promote non-tariff barriers to third competition, as well as simplify-

Community.

edited by Sally White INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK •

ICI profits take the City by storm

ICI took the market by storm Much will depend on how with its £128m profit figure enthusiastically the US interest against the most bullish estinithe shares is maintained. mates of around £110m for the first quarter of 1983.

As the market worked out during the day, last week's Blue Circle caution which tinged the chairman's optimism was justified. Pretax profit £30m (£104.1m)
Of the improved profit £20m
comes from currency profits
relating to 1982 contracts, and
18 256.175 follows which may prove to be one-off. Knocking that out would bring pre-tax figures down to £108m for the first quarter - almost A surge in UK profits has bang in the middle of the saved Blued Circle from the market's adjusted forecast range. more painful effects of the

push ICI's share index back its leading businesses in Latin through the 700-mark, and the shares still finished the day at a Group pretax profits last year shares still finished the day at a Group pretax profits last year near-record closing price of dropped from £104.1m to

strong bull position over the Mexican and Chilean trading last couple of accounts is still profits under pressure from respectable, but there does not economic collapse and plunging

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Blue Circle

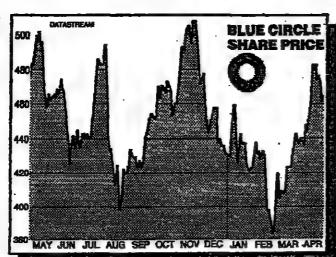
Year to 31-12-82 Net final dividend 12.25p making 18.25p (17.5p) Share price 463 up 2p. Yield 5.6%

The initial reaction was to dramas that have been effecting

476p.

A gain of 2p on the day ance in the light of the £37m where there has been such a downturn that occurred in

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\$270m of Mexican borrowings that have assumed monumental proportions in local currency terms as the peso has collapsed, are unlikely to halt the decline in Latin American returns this

year.
With volumes still falling, a tial cost savings, there should be

profits, for so long Blue Circle's growth provider, is going to

COMMODITIES

After last year's rise of a quarter in UK trading profits to £42.5m, boosted by a 4 per cent

cially and from the office of Fair Trading it is going to prove difficult to push another through this year.

the last price rise.

under pressure, both commer-Volume is projected to rise between 3 and 5 per cent and

With the industry's common

price agreement once more

the company will continue to derive benefit from its cost cutting and energy efficiency

John Laing

John Leing
Year to 31.12.82
Pretax profit £1.3m (£6.1m)
Stated loss per share 4.5p (14.7p)
Turnover £773m (719m)
Final dividend 1.875p making
2.875p (same) Share price 110p up 15p Yield 3.7%

John Laing, Britain's second largest construction group, caught a cold in its three main

further good progress in 1983. It overseas markets last year, has been well over a year since Problems ranged from the cancellation of a £40m dam building contract and "unreliable" management in Venezuela, to a write down of £4.8m on two large contracts in the

> The result was that excep-tional losses of £13.3m and extraordinary losses of £5.8m were included in the 1982 results. Without the problems overseas, the company said, pretax profits of £1.3m against 66.1m last year would have been much higher.

In 1983 the group hopes that profits will be in the region of £23m if all goes well.

George Wimpey, the house-building group, managed a £5m increase in pretax profits to £45.7m in 1982 compared with the previous year on a surnaver which increased from £1.1bn to £1.24bn. A final dividend of 2.15p is recommended, making 3p for the year against 2.8p last

Previou

£24m Dowable bid for Cope lapses

The bid for Cope Allman, the forces with Mr Michael Ashleisure and packaging group, by croft, head of the Hawley the Dowable consortium, lapsed Group, the leisure and entertainments company, and Lin Pac, the packaging and con-Robert Fleming & Company, the merchant bankers to Dowtainers company.

able, said that after receiving The Dowable consortium acceptances representing only 22.7 per cent of Cope Allman's held a 14 per cent stake in Cope Allman when the bid was announced. It had launched a share capital, Dowable was unable to declare the offer consortium-based <u>similar</u> unconditional. Therefore, the takeover attempt last Decem-

chairman of British Car Auctions and who heads the was bitterly contested by Cope consortium, launched his near which described the Dowable £24m offer for Cope Allman offer as unsolicited and unwelcarly last month after joining come.

Dottridge buy-out

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Dottridge Brothers of North London, one of the oldest is buying Dottridge for £1.5m is names in the filmeral trade Group Captain Anthony Dotwhich has been a family-run private company since 1835, is who was a Second World War being bought out by its senior fighter pilot; Mr Victor Taylor,

Mr David Wickins, the

offer has lapsed.

Dottridge, which has about ector and Mr Sir 30 trading branches in the finance director. South East and employs about The three are 200 people, is among the top 20 funeral companies in Britain. There are about 600,000 funerals a year Britain and costs for a funeral vary from £300 to

The management team which the 40-year-old managing dir-ector and Mr Simon Strudwick,

The three are taking three quarters of the equity with the an annual turnover of £3.4m.

Granville & Co Limited. (Formerly M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited) 27/28 Lovat Lane, London EC3R 8EB Telephone 01-621 1212 The Over-the-Counter Market

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158	117	Ass Brit Ind CULS	152	. =	2.01	6.6	-	-
74	57	Airsprung Group	62xd	-	6.1	9.8	17.7	17.7
46	30	Armitage & Rhodes	30	-	4.3	14.3	3.3	5.9
325	197	Berdon Hill	325	-	11.4	3.5	13.7	17.2
144	100	CCL 11.0% Conv Pref	144	-	15.7	10.9	-	-
270	210	Cindico Group	210	-	17.6	8.4	-	-
26	50	Deborah Services	. 50	-1	6.0	12.0	3.3	8.9
97	77	Frank Horsell	97-	-	-	_	8.1	8.7
95%	75%	Frank Horsell Pr Ord 87	95.5		8.7	9.1	10.6	11.4
83	61		62	-	7.1	11.5	3.9	6.2
55	34	George Blair	34	_		-	5.9	12.3
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166	100	Isis Conv Pref	166	-	15.7	9,5	-	-
146	94	Jackson Group	146	+1	7.5	5.1	4.5	9.3
214	111	James Burrough	214	-	9.6	4.5	15.6	17.4
260	148	Robert Jenkins	152	-	20.0	13.2	1.7	24.1
83	54	Scrittons "A"	69	-1	5.7	8.3	9.0	10.8
167	112	Torday & Cartisle	114	-1	11.4	10.0	5.1	8.8
29	21	Unilock Holdings	26	-	0.46	1.8	_	
85	64	Walter Alexander	. 67	_	6.4	9.6	4.8	6.9
270	214	W. S. Yeates	265	_	17.1	6.5	4.1	8.5

WATMOUGHS

(HOLDINGS) PL Another year of progress

1 for 5 scrip issue Increase Group turnover £21 million £17.2 million 22% Group profit £1.8 million £1.5 million 19% Dividend per share 6.25p

Outlook New opportunities available to gravure capacities because of technical innovations. Additional major contracts obtained for 1983. Better prospects for packaging interests.

Report and accounts available from the Secretary, Idle, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD10 8NL

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Norwich Union

The Chairman Mr M G Falcon CBE,DL reports:

A modest increase in new business against a background of unsettled market conditions. Bonuses to policyholders increased in October and again at the year end.

Turnover maintained at 1981 levels, but severe competition caused pre-tax profits to fall to £26m.

Life Society

1982 was a year of unusual ups and downs. Sales of Individual life insurance and pension policies did well but new company pension business languished. In the United Kingdom we invested £318m of new money, of which £93m went into property, £163m into ordinary shares and £65m into British Government

The market value of the Life Society's assets rose substantially to £4,638m, and considerable improvements were made to our bonuses. and hence to the sums we pay to policyholders.

Fire Society

Against a worldwide background of reckless competition, we resolved to set premiums at levels adequate to maintain our service yet remain relatively competitive. This has meant the loss of some business. Worldwide premium income did not advance on 1981.

Pre-tax profits dropped by one third to £26m. the increase in our investment income being more than absorbed by deteriorating underwriting results. A return to a healthier market is likely to be

slow, but indications are emerging of improved underwriting standards. This provides a glimmer of hope for longer term prospects. The free reserves increased significantly to

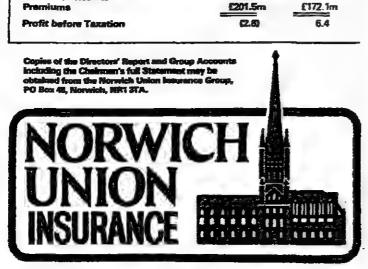
NW Group

Norwich Winterthur, in which the Fire Society has a 45 per cent interest, produced an estimated pre-tax loss of £2.6 million compared with £6.4 million profit in 1981. This loss was primarily caused by extremely poor reinsurance resums. Premiums grew to £201m.

Banking

Norwich General Trust, which specialises in loans to industry and commerce, continued to receive considerable demand for its services. During the year 230 new advances were made for £19m, taking total advances to over £75m. AP Bank also had a good year in 1982. There was a large increase in loans, mainly as short to medium term advances to U.K. companies, and turnover in the Foreign Exchange department showed a marked increase.

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Life Society		1982	1981	
TOTAL PREMIUMS		£470.7m	£394.	
New Annual Premiums		76.7	75.	
New Single Premiums		118.8	. 74.	
Cost of Bonuses			•	
Annual		112,6	85.	7
erminal		18.6	13.3	3
ipecial .		61.3	-	-
NALYSIS OF PREMIUMS				
Juited Kingdom		367.6	309.4	-
Republic of Ireland		13.4	11.	-
Overseas		89.7	74.	3
		470.7	394.	3
Group Assets		£5,632.8m	£4,355.	5m
Fire Society				
PREMIUMS		£251.3m	£250.2	Ž in
nvestment income		51.8	. 44,7	7
Inderwriting loss		(20.8)	(4.8	3)
Associated Companies' eemings		(1.2)	2.5	
xpenses not charged to other a	ccounts	(3.6)	(3.6	-
PROFIT BEPORE TAXATION		25.2	39.2	2
axation and Minority interests		10.5	17.6	3
ET PROFIT		15.7	21.6	5
Dividench		10.0	10.0)
ANALYSIS	Premi	iums C	inderwriting	Result
	1982	1981	1982	1981
United Kingdom	£256.0m	£259.7m	£(15.9)m	£2.7a
Republic of freland Oversea	18.3 31.5	17.3 28.3	(4.3) (4.1)	(7.8) (2.4)
Marine & Aviation	20.0	17.3	(3.2)	(0.8)
_	375.8	322.6	(28.5)	(8.3)
Less Reinsurance with	den vo			10-01
Associates .	(74.5)	(72.4)	7.7	35
Totals	251.3	250.2	(20.8)	(4.8)
= ivestment income				
ttributable to Insurance Operati	Ons.		34.3	29.8
nsurance Result			13.5	25.0
Norwich Winterthur Gro	up) (Fire	Society own	ns 45%)	
Unaudited Results		1962	1981	
Premiums		£201.5m	£172.1	
Profit before Taxation		C2.83	6.4	



The Annual General Meeting of the Norwich Union Life Insurance Society will be held on the 10th May 1983 in Norwich

COMPANY NEW IN BRIEF

Half-year to 30.11.82 Pretax profit, £256,000 (£201,000) Turnover, £8.75m (£8.28m) Net intarim dividend, 0.875 (0.875p)

Pretax profit, \$263,000 (\$557,000

Stated earnings, 3.88 p (profit 15,06p) Turnover, £9.23m (28.39m)

Whatman Roeve Angel Year to 31/12/82. Pretax profit, £2.52m (£1.9m). Stated earnings; 27.09p (£6.55p). Turnover, £19.43m (£16.7m). Net dividend, 6.0p (5.0p).

Half-year to 28/2/83. Pretax loss, 257,000 (2557,000

6.42p). Turnover, 26.78m (28.22m). Net interim dividend, nil (nil).

Half-year to 31/12/82. Pretax profit, £1.54m (£1.53m).

Stated earnings, 3.60p (3.69p). Net interim dividend, 1.43p (1.3p).

Net dividend, nil (nil)

Hawkins & Tipson

6.42p).

Fameli Electronics year to 30.1.83. Pretax profit, £10.44m (£7.81m). Stated earnings, 8.5p (£.5p), Turnover, £41.97m (£33.65m). Net dividend, 2.0p (1.55p, ad-justed).

year to 31.12.82, Pretax profit, £3,31m (£342,000). Stated earnings, 57.0p (1.0p). Turnover, £183.84m (£154.47m). Net dividend, 10p (3p).

Platignum Year to 31.1.83. Pretax loss, £860,000 (£616,000

Net dividend, n2 (0.01p). Elbar Industrial Year to 31.1.83. Pretax loss, £2.31m (£2.25m loss). Stated earnings (loss) 50p (loss,

33.66p). Turnover, 258.32m (265.99m). Net dividend, nit (nit).

Border Breweries (Wrexhem) Year to 28.2.83 Stated earnings, 10.15p (11.59p) Turnover, £15.78m (£15.28m) Net dividend, 5.3p (5.2p)

Coleman Milne Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £418,000 (£344,000) Stated earnings, 6.34p (5.25p) Turnover, £4.29m (£3.81m) Net dividend, 1.0p (nil)

Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £24,000 (£1.73m) Stated earnings, 0.68p (13.70p) Turnover, £32.66m (£29.85m) Net dividend, 2.0p (5.0p)

Office & Electronic Machines
Year to 31,12.82
Pretax profit, £2.11m (£2.65m)
Stated samings, 20.85p (25.03p)
Turnover, £23.75m (£22.64m) Net dividend, 7.5p (7.5p)

Audio Fidelity.
Half-year to 31.10.82.
Pretax loss, £179,000 (£190,000 loss).
Turnover, £1.59m (£1.71m).
Net interim dividend, nil (nil).

Silentnight Holdings. Year to 29.1.83. Tear to 29.1.35.
Pretax profit, £5.22m (£5.11m).
Stated earnings, 10.0p (10.5p).
Turnover, £77.27m (£72.79m).
Net dividend, 2.5p (2.5p).

Year to \$1.12.82. Pretax profit, £6.58m (£5.92m), Stated samings, 12.0p (11.8p), Turnover, £78.25m (£87.28m), Net dividend 3.0p (2.5p).

George Wimpey. Year to 31,12,82. Tear to 31.12-02. Pretax profit, E45.7m (E42.7m). Stated earnings, 15.1p (19.0p). Turnover, £1.240m (£1,101m). Net dividend, 3.0p (2.8p).

8. Simpson Hatff-year to 31,1.83 Pretax profit, £373,000 (£235,000) Turning, £13.11m (£11.15m) Net Interim dividend, 1.31p (1.31)

Base Lending Rates ABN Bank ...

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52 weeks ended 31st December 1982

PROGRESS

	1982	1981
_	£'000	£'000
Turnover	736,901	152,220
Profit before interest and tax:	70.136	13,071
Interest	(2456)	(4,773)
Profit before tax	7,680	8.298
Shareholders' funds	43,481	42,381
Total borrowings	15.343	20,702
Earnings per share, fully diluted		
Historic cost	7.0p	10.7p
Current cost	3.40	6.7p
Proposed total dividends:		
on Convertible Preference Shares	2.5p	1.5616p
on Ordinary Shares	2.50	1.85p

A further reduction in Group borrowings, made possible by maintaining profitability and controlling cash flow despite difficult market conditions, has placed the Group in a much improved financial position with a return to normal banking arrangements.

The signs of recovery in the USA and elsewhere, even if maintained, will take some months to work through into capital plant orders which would benefit the Group. The recent fall in oil prices will reduce expenditure by oil producers, and this, with depressed markets, means that 1983 will be a difficult year.

However, the Group is now strong enough to weather a continuing storm if that should be necessary. Improvements in profitability will mainly depend on an upturn in the UK and world economies.

Weir Group - pumps, power plant auxiliaries, steel castings, metal pattern equipment, water desalination plant, engineering contracting. Group companies employ 5,000. Subsidiary and associate companies in Canada, Australia, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Middle East, Far East and Nigeria.

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victory. "The battle against inflation has been fairly joined, and we see progress. We must

carry through until the battle is

on", he said.
This does not mean he is a

myopic man, incapable of looking beyong this off-repeated goal. It was Mr Volcker who

argued successfully for a relax-ation of the Federal Reserve's

money supply targets last year

to allow enough growth to promote economic recovery.

with conviction has been earned over a long career of 30 years in

private banking and govern-ment in which he has presided

over the most important US

monetary decisions of the post-

fashioned the United States

position and served as America's chief negotiator during the turbulent early

1970's when the Bretton Woods

monetary system collapsed and

the world moved from fixed to

Now, during another difficult

period when the world is

beginning to question this system, it is the same Mr Volcker who is recommending

that changes be pursued at a

new international conference on

Over the years, Wall Street

ation as Mr Volcker has treaded

his way successfully through a

minefield of monetary prob-

Street has put to Mr Reagan is:

Reappoint Mr Paul Volcker in

August with the private under-

standing that the central bank chairman will resign in a year's

time to allow the President to

select his own candidate during

for Mr Wolcker has apparently

given the President panse for

thought. Aides who predicted earlier that the central bank

chairman was out for sure are

now saying that Mr Reagan has not yet made up his mind and is

keeping his intentions it him-self.

Wall Street's strong support

his second term of office.

floating exchange rates.

the monetary system.

It was Mr Volcker who

war period.

His ability to change cours

Will Reagan's turbulent central banker survive?

Washington benedictions - a personal apology from the President of the United States for a barrage of news stories suggesting that he would be let go as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, the US central

It was an event of more than a little significance, indicating as it did that Mr Reagan has not yet taken what many believe to be one of his most important decisions since taking office almost two and a half years ago.
"We just haven't considered it" Mr Reagan said on Wednesday.

The fate of Mr Volcker has generated as much speculation as that surrounding Washington's other most pressing question - whether or not Mr Reagan himself will run again

Indeed, there are some influential officials, concerned about the fragile state of the economic recovery, who think Mr Volcker's reappointment as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board is more important.

They are among the powerful Wall Street supporters of Mr Volcker who have been urging the President to rename him chairman when his present term expires on August 6.

But there are an equal number of detractors who have advised Mr Reagan to get rid of the independent Mr Volcker who has single-mindedly pur-sued his goal of ridding America of inflation with an almost religious fervour.

His critics in the White House and in Congress claim that this relentless pursuit not only plunged the country into recession but also kept it in a slump through tight-money policies which encouraged high interest rates.

They want Mr Volcker to go In his place, as the chief architect of United States monetary policy, they want someone who is more of a team player" and less of a

household word. The fact is that Paul Volcker is associated in the public's mind with high interest rates, I can't believe that it makes sense when you are running for reelection to have someone in that job who is not your own guy", said a White House

Who should replace him? In answer to this question, there is a decided lack of unanimity among Mr Voicker's detractors. At the moment, Mr Alan former chairman of the US Council of Economic Advisers who is a consultant to the Reagan Administration, appears to be the frontrainer.

But he is by no means the only candidate in a crowded field which also includes: Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary who is often at odds with Mr Volcker, Mr Preston Martin, the vice-chairman of the Federal Reserve Board who served as an aide to Mr Reagan: when he was governor of California; Mr Martin Feldstein, the chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers: Mr Walter Wriston, chairman of Citicorp Bank who has stated his belief that a banker should not have the job; and Mr Beryl Sprinkel, a dedicated monetarist who is under secretary of the US

There is one other candidate,

a rank outsider more famous

New York (NYT) - The automobile industry has been

one of the first big sectors of the

American economy to recover

industry leader, General Motors

Corporation, has been lagging behind during a stock market

rally that has seen many other

traded at 64%, compared with their early 1982 low of 34. Now,

however, the stock is selling at virtually the same level as its

on the New Yok stock exchange

are busily looking for new

investment ideas in this market,

too-familiar name, Miss Ann C.

Familiarity often breeds oversight in Wall Street, but

General Motors is a good old

name that might produce some pleasant surprises for its owners

This is particularly true of a

stock market that has lately

favoured group rotation, where-

by strong issues lose momen-

tum temporarily as other, relatively neglected, stocks gain.

In GM's case, analysts agree that profits in 1983 and 1984

will rise substantially above last

At present, the company is the

year's \$3.09 a share.

in many portolios.

by % to 64%.

One problem is that people \$15 next year.

Last December, GM shares

big-name issues soar.



than the rest put together. Could Professor Milton Fried-

man, the 70-year old Nobel laureate and arch-evangelist of

monetarist free enterprize.

finally get his hands on the

printing presses he has so long wanted to slow down? He has

certainly been a strong critic of

out that despite his extensive

government official he has

never run a regulatory agency or

Detractors ask

President

to drop

Fed's chairman

The other candidates are all

faulted for a disturbing lack of

knowledge and experience of

the workings of both the Federal

Reserve system and the Inter-

larly concerned about the latter

issue. In the past they have blamed Mr Volcker's monetary

policy for the prolonged slump

and foreign exchange cheats.

who formerly headed the US.

central bank, visited Washing-

ton recently to personally relay

these European concerns to Mr.

George Bush, the Vice-Presi-

Mr Burns reportedly urged

the Vice-President to report to

Mr Reagan the strong European

support for Mr Volcker's reappointment which officials

abroad believe is critically

important during this period of

"We'd rest easier if we knew

the sure hand of experience was

guiding United States monetary

policy and if we felt there would

Why General Motors lags behind

nascent economic recovery.

the followers say. The stock now yields about 3.7 per cent.

Tast week, GM helped to cover stoke the fires of a strong

market by announcing first-quarter earnings of \$2.08 a share, its largest quarterly profit

in more than four years. This figure evoked some caution, inasmuch as it primarily re-

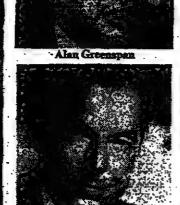
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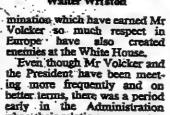
around the \$90 level:

European officers are particu-

national Monetary System.

set government policy.





when their relations were not at

Of all the proposed successors to Mr Volcker, only Mr At their first meeting Mr Volcker reportedly pointed his finger and "lectured" the Greenspan appears to have the confidence of Wall Street leaders who nonetheless points President about the potential conflict of his economic programme and the tight money policy the Federal Reserve experience as an economist and intended to pursue to reduce

> Some of Mr Reagan's advisers still remember the meeting and cannot forgive Mr Volcker for what they regard as arrogant and extremely uncooperative behaviour. It was not accidental that Mr Reagan and Mr Volcker did not meet at all between February, 1982 and February, 1983, one official

The fact that Mr Volcker has repeatedly refused to follow the party line - often voicing strong criticism of Mr Reagan's huge Budget deficits and recently breaking with the Administration by endorsing a policy of limited intervention in currency markets - continues to irritate the President's Californians.

Supporters of Mr Volcker say, however, that he is not an But they credit him with saving the world from an even more arrogant man but rather a serious debt crisis by issuing an committed public servant of early warning of growing insol- superior intellect who has vency in the developing world. earned the right to champion a lems - which is the reason they are urging Mr Reagan to cause he does not yet believe he ambassador to West Germany: has won.

> Wall Street support gives pause for thought

For this reason, his friends believe Mr Volcker would accept reappointment even though he would do so at great personal cost. He misses having more time with his wife Barbara, who suffers from arthritis and remains in New York. And he has been offeredbe a continuity of policy during private banking positions paythis critical period, said a highlevel European. Community central bank chief, he earns em heads of state meet in the continuity of policy during private banking positions paylevel European. Community central bank chief, he earns em heads of state meet in the continuity of the continuity central bank chief, he earns em heads of state meet in the continuity of the continuity central bank chief, he earns em heads of state meet in the continuity of the continuity of policy during private banking positions paylevel European. The continuity of policy during private banking positions paylevel European. The continuity of policy during private banking positions paylevel European. The continuity of policy during private banking positions paylevel European. The continuity of policy during private banking positions paylevel European. The continuity of policy during private banking positions paylevel European. The continuity of policy during private banking positions paylevel European. The continuity of policy during private banking positions paylevel European. The continuity of policy during private banking positions paylevel European. The continuity of policy during private banking positions paylevel European. The continuity of policy during private banking paylevel European. The continuity of policy during p 69.300. Williamsburg, Virginia, next Despite all this, Mr Volcker month for their annual econofficial.

It is ironic that the same Despite all this, Mr Volcker month for the intellectual authority and deter- still remains a crusader in omic summit.

APPOINTMENTS

ACA's top officers are named

elected president of The Association of Certified Accountants Mr F E Bleasdale was elected deputy president and Mr P T Hobkinson, vice-president to serve for the year 1983-84.

Mr Andrew Harding has been appointed as a non-executive director of H P Bulmer Mr Robert L Millbourn has

been appointed a director of Robert Fraser & Partners. He was previously a director of subsidiary Robert Fraser Inter-national, Mr R J Lambe and Mr D W Ashworth have been appointed assistant directors of Robert Fraser & Partners.

Sir Anthony Royle has joined the board of directors of Allegheny International. In addition he has been appointed president of Wilkinson Sword Group, a wholly owned subsidi-ary of Allegheny International. Mr Timothy Haddon has been appointed vice president, Amax Iron Ore Corporation. Mr C J Davies has joined the

partnership of Lyddon & Company, stockbrokers.

Mr Billy Mundow has been appointed director, sales and marketing, for the Twinlock

Group in Ireland.

Mr Ros Jenkins has been appointed chief executive of

Mr Graham F. Puttergill, Mr Roderic H. Smith, Mr John L. Sullivan and Mr Paul B. Walsh have been appointed to the board of Antony Gibbs Hold-ings, a memeber of The Hongkong Bank Group. Mr Stephen K Hill is now the company secretary.

Mr John H. Barnes has been appointed a director of the ondon board of Korn Ferry International.

The Unit Trust Price tables have been held over because of pressure on space.

Industrial notebook.

Harsh realities of the oil business

centre of the Texas oil industry, unemployment has doubled in the last year and now exceeds the national average for the first time in many years. The city's offshore technology ference, once scknowledged to he the single most important industry gathering in the oilman's calendar, being turned from an annual to a biennial event. In another oil state, Oklahoma, oil and gas companies are going bankrupt at the rate of one every three

days.
Such are the harsh realities of the oll business in the country where it all began more than a 100 years ago. After the extraordinary transatlantic boom in drilling and oil investment that began during the 1979/80 oil price rises, the tide has turned with a vengeance. The decline in drilling activity from its peak at the end of 1981 has been dramatic even by the in-dustry's traditionally cyclical

In fifteen months, the number of rigs in use has tumbled from its all-time high of 4,520 to fewer than 1,900 where it stands below the level achieved in 1978 before the boom took off. The latest earnings figures from most United States oil companies this week bave demonstrated that falling prices continue to take their toll of even big oil's

The collapse of the Penn Square Bank last year and this week's rescoe of Seafirst Corporation are only the mos visible signs of the financial distress caused by intemperate loans to oil and other energy projects. Nearly all the shale oil and other "synfuel" projects that President Carter proposed to spend billions of



Former President Carter: End of his proposals

dollars on just four years ago have ground to a halt. To cap it all (from the industry's points of view), even the price of petrol has fallen in some areas below the \$1 a gallon

that the worst of the deterio-ration in the industry's fortunes is coming to an end. The American oil industry has always taken a deter-minedly macho attitude to risk, so nobody will be shedding any tears over the fact that its fortunes have taken a turn for the worse. But the trauma is nonetheless,

For one thing the fact that the largest oil consuming nation in the West has now turned its back on most of its future investments in alternative energy sources is the most

West has failed to take precautions against becoming Middle East oil supplies again in the future.

way towards explaining why the Reagan Administration been so reluctant to say publicly whether or not i wants oil prices to fall. All the evidence is that the Administ ration's instincts are to pres for further price falls and the disintegration of Opec but that this has run up against the lobbying power of both the oil industry and the Saudis. The upshot is that the Americans, on this issue, as on so many others, have failed to give the lead to the world that they

Jonathan Davis

ISSUE BY TENDER OF £1,000,000,000

21/2 per cent INDEX-LINKED TREASURY CONVERTIBLE STOCK, 1999

On Monday, 6th June 1983 On Monday, 4th July 1983

PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS: £40.00 per cent £30.00 per cent

INTEREST PAYABLE HALF-YEARLY ON 22ND MAY AND 2ZND NOVEMBER This Stock is an investment falling within Part E of the First Schedule to the Truskes investments Act 1961, Application has been made to the Council of the Stock Exchange for he Stock to be admitted to the Official List.

THE COVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorized to 5. The ectocipal of and interest on the Stock will be a charge on the National Louis Fund. with recourse to the Cosmidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

with recorder of an experimental at the Bank of England or at the Bank of Ireland, Belfest, and will be transferable, in multiples of one penny, by instrument in writing in accordance with the Stock Transfer Act 1963. Transfers will be free of stamp duly.

the Stock Transfer Act 1965. Transfers will be free of stamp duly.

5. The Stock will be convertible him 10% per cent Couversion Stock. 1999 in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 15 to 17. Holdings of the Stock in respect of which the options to convert have not been exercised will be repaid on 22nd November 1999 (unless such holdings have previously been redeemed under the provisions of paragraph 143. The value of the principal on resegment will be related, subject to the terms of this prospectus to the terms of this prospectus, to the invovement, during the fifth of the Stock, of the United Singdom General Index hetall Prices maintained by the Department of Employment, or any Index which ranging replace that Index for the purposes of this prospectus, such movement being indicated by the looker Square based markinly and solvenguently justifiated in the London, Edinburgh and Beliats Gasettes.

6. For the purposes of this prospectus, the index figure applicable to any month will be the below figure issued seven intentis prior to the relevant month and relating to the touch before that prior month: "month" means calendar month and the index ratio applicable any month will be equal to the index figure applicable to that month divided by the index

repair approximate or many 1900.

7. The amount due on repayment, per £100 hominal of Stock, will be £100 hominaled by the index ratio applicable to the second in which repayment takes place. This amount, expressed in pounds starting to four places of Sectionis rounded to the nearest Symre below. Will be assounced by the Beach of England not later than the business day immediately proceeding the date of the penultimete interest payment.

h. Interest will be payable half-yearly on 22nd May and 22nd November. Income tax vie deducted from poyments of more than £5 per ammm. Inderest warrants will rensmitted by post.

9. The first interest payment will be made on 22nd November 1963 at the rule of £1.2060. per a,1-or proximal or SUCE.

10. Each subsequent half-sweety interest segment will be at the rain, per £100 nominal of Stock, of £1.25 artitiplied by the index ratio applicable to the meant in which the payment

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11. The rate of interest for each interest payment other than the first, expressed as a percentage in pounds starting to four places of decinals trousded to the mastest figure below, will be ambounced by the Bank of England not later than the business day impediately preceding the date of the previous interest payment.

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15. If he index is not published for a month for which it is relevant for the purposes of this prospectus. The Stock of Ergiand, after appropriate consultation with the relevant Government Department, will pushlish a substitute index figure which shall be an estimate of the index figure which would have been relevant. The calculation by the Sank of Ergiand of the amounts of purposes and handing apon all stockholstys. No subsequent adjustment to such amounts will be made in the revent of subsequent publication of the index figure which been relevant.

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14. If any change should be made to the coverage or the basic calculation of the Index witch, in the opinion of the England, contilinities a fundamental change in the Index which would be malerially destrinential to the interests of stockholders. Her Majestr's Treasury will publish a notice in the Lundon, Enfohurgh and Belfast Gazettes immediately following the announcement by the relevant Government Department of the change, informing stockholders and offseting them the right to require Her Majestr's Treasury to redeem that stock. For the purposes of this paragraph, repayment to stockholders who starctice this right will be effected, on the dath to be chosen by Her Majestr's Treasury, not later than seven months from the last month of publication of the old index. The amount of principal doe on repayment and of any interest which that accrued will be excluded on the basis of the Index radio applicable to the month in which repayment takes place. A notice setting out the administrative arrangements will be sent to stockholders at their registered address by the Bank of England at the appropriate time.

15. Holdings of 2-, per cent Index-United Treasury Convertible Stock, 1999 may, at

15. Holdings of 2°, per cent index-Linked Treasury Convertible Stock, 1999 may, at the option of holders be converted in whole or in part late 10°, per cent Conversion Stock, 1999 (nervisation referred to as "Conversion Stock") as on the following

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In each case, conversion will be offected at the rate of £160 nominal of Conversion Stock per £100 nominal of 2t, per cant Index-Stock at Transary Convertible Stock, 1959, for the value of the principal of the Stock is not Indexed for the purposes of conversion and the amount of Conversion Stock receivable under each of the options to conversion the offset.

aptions to convert is thus fixed from the outsets.

16. Notices setting out the administrative arrangements for the exercise of the options to convert and forms of socretaince for completion will be facused to holders at the appropriate limes. Where a lockings is held loinfly by more than two holders options to convert may be exercised by a insporting of them. Completed forms of acceptance in respect of each of the options to convert. accompanied by certificates of title for holdings of 2°, per cent index. Indeed Treasure Convertible Stock. 1999, must be lodged at the Bank of England, New Charge, London, ECAM SAA. or at the Bank of Ireland. Maybe Suildings. 1st Floor, 20 Callender Street, Bellins, ET1 58N, not later than 3.00pm on the fifth working day below each date of convertion.

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18. Conversion Stock will be an investment faiting within Part II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investment Act 1961, and application will be used: to the Council of The Stock Dechange for Conversion Stock to be admitted to the Official List. Pursuagaphs 3 and 4 of this prospectus will apply country to Conversion Stock as to 2., per cont index-Links Trussay for Conversion Stock will be supplied built-yearly on 22nd bory and 22nd November. Incusive last will be destructed from payments of more than 62 per sustain. Interest warrants will be transmitted by post. Conversion Stock will be destructed from payments of more than 62 per sustain. Interest warrants will be transmitted by post. Conversion Stock will be

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125. 125. Fee latest Interpretation of the company Political Colors of the Colors inventories rather than any sharp expansion in retail sales. Miss Knight estimated that the company would earn \$9.50 highest price last year. On a share in 1983 and \$13 in 1984. Wednesday, the stock declined Mr David Healy. of Drexel Mr David Healy, of Drexel Burnham Lambert, estimated \$9.75 a share for this year and According to Miss Knight: "I can see this stock selling at \$100 Burthigton hid Reptington Hipp and General Motors is an all- by the late summer of next year, as people then will be anticipat-Knight, of Smith Barney, Harris ing a further increase in profits Upham & Company, said. It is for 1985 at the likely top of the a stock already well represented current automotive cycle."

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Loc indications that the stock first would encounter resistance at Mr Healy is not looking for a price advance of this size. But he said that the stock had a potential to reach between \$75 and \$80 within six to twelve months. GM traded at a record : price of £113 374 in 1965. Abitible
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Gulf Oil Standard & Poors estimated General Motors earnings would reach \$9 a share this year and the \$12-to-\$14 range in 1984. The stock, it added, remained

attractive for further gains. Several analysis are predict. The dividend pay-out at GM ing higher prices for GM shares held at a quarterly rate of 60 later. There is another kicker. cents a share in 1981 and 1982. That means a yearly rate of only one of the nation's four \$2.40 a share. In 1977, when auto makers that pays a cash dividend. It is a good bet that pany paid a year-end dividend GM will increase its quarterly of \$3.25 a share on its common

cash pay-out amounted to a on Monday to decide on the record figure of \$6.80 a share. common stock dividend for the dividend rate of 60 cents a share stock, along with quarterly record figure of \$6.80 a share, common stock of before the end of 1983, some dividends. That year, the GM Directors are scheduled to meet second quarter:

for the Welshmen

The right result covers a lot of provided considerable encourage-

cracks, and it was understandable that Mike England was in turns relaxed and ethusiastic over break-fast in his Llangollen hotel yesterday

morning. The goal by the substitute

Jeremy Charles which overcame Bulgaria's determined resistance

had been a long time coming, but its significance cannot be overesti-

mated, for it leaves Wales, and

England, well-placed to make up for their World Cup disappontment by qualifying for next summer's European Championship finals for

Bulgaria were always likely to prove difficult opposition, although the quality of their breaks came as a

surprise, and it was a tribute to Welsh determination that once again they snatched a win without

ever striking any sort of rhythm and

with Rush, their most dangerous forward, clearly less than fully fit. With five points from three games in group four, including a possibly crucial away point from the

game against Yugoslavia, they could not have made a better beginning to

their quest. The performances of Southall in goal and Ratcliffe, fitting in excellently in his preferred position as second centre half, also

the first time.

ment for England.

England was quick to praise both

England was quick to praise both those players, and he reflected: "There's a long way to go. We'll keep grinding away. Last night's performance showed the character of the squad, which I can't speak too highly of. Welsh players are fantastic, they have fantastic character which they've shown in coming back after the disappoint-

coming back after the disappoint-

But England is also aware that

although character can take you a

although character can take you a long way in international football, at the highest level you need good players, and there his options are limited. Although he speaks enthusiastically of the young players coming through in time for the World Cup, for the moment he has world Cup, for the moment he has

few possibilities beyond the players already in the team. The forth-coming British Championship matches and the match against

Brazil offer some opportunity for experiment, with Charles, Hopkins

and possibly the young Newport

players, Vaughan and Lowndes, in line for starting places. But the search for a creative player so far

ment of the World Cup."

Injury to Withe disrupts Robson's plans

Bobby Robson yesterday lost have enjoyed uninterrupted the England centre forward he runs since making their respectfound on Wednesday night ive debuts but none of the other Withe broke his thumb during nine chosen so far by Robson the first half of the European Championship tie against Hungary at Wembly and suffered a depressed fracture of his cheekbone during the second and is out for the rest of the league season.

Robson admitted that he had added Withe to the party merely as "a stop gap" after Woodcock had joined his other preferred choice, Mariner, on the abstracts leaves in the abstracts. the absurdly lengthy injury list. But events during the crucial 2-O victory persuaded him to review the international prospects of Aston Villa's 31-yearold forward.

Robson picked out Withe for special praise. "He played with great presence with great passion and skill too," he said. He might have added with not a little courage as well, "He did wonderfully well for the first goal because not many would have held on to the ball in that "As for the second," he added, "his chest control was perfect and he will never hit a better cross-shot during the rest of his career.

After Mariner's disappointing performance against Wales and Woodcock's wan display against Greece, the weakness of Withe's claim to England's No 9 shirt was to be seen with only X-ray vision. The facial injury, treated during an operation in Birmingham yesterday, is similar to that received by Wilkins, a former captain who missed the match in Greece and has yet to regain his place six months later. Withe's chances of playing in the two remaining home international games and the tour to Australia in June are limited. Since Robson will want to

use those five games as dress rehearsals for the next European Championship fixture, at home against Denmark at the beginning of next season. Withe must wait to see if anyone else steps forward from the chorus line, as he did himself, to take a leading role aloneside Francis.

The midfield cast remains as unsettled. Lee and Mabbutt

the ground was so hopelessly wateriogged that for the second day

running no play was possible in the

At lunchtime, as a reminder that

ched or relaunched various books on the game. E. M. Wellings, the

on the game, E. M. Weilings, the author of the most pungent of them (Vinage Cricketers, £9.95, was playing in 1931 when Herbert Sutcliffe, in one of the wettest summers recorded, scored 3,306 runs at an average of 96.96.

experienced last summer." Wisdom

wrote, "that coming on top of an almost equally wet season in 1930,

World Cup

Holders: West Indies

Contested by the seven full members of the international

Cricket Conference (England, Australia, India, New Zealand,

West Indies, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) and the winners of the ICC

Trophy for associate members (Zimbabwe). Teams are drawn in

two qualifying groups of four, in which they meet each other twice.

The winners and runners-up in

each group go forward to the semi-finals, which are played as a

semi-finals, which are played as a knock-out. sponsors: Prudential Assurance (total sponsorship £500,000). DATES: group matches (at 15 Test and county grounds), June 9, 11, 13. 15, 16, 18, 20; semi-finals (Old Trafford and the Oval), June 22; final (Lord's) June 25. DURATION OF MATCHES: 60 overs a side. If the weather interferes, a

buration of Matchles: 60 overs a side. If the weather interferes, a second day is available for play in the group matches and a third also for the semi-finals and final. The side batting second must receive 30 overs to constitute a match. If that is not possible, group matches will be declared "no result"; the faster scoring-rate in all previous matches will decide knock-out matches. Will decide knock-out matches. HOURS OF PLAY: 10.45 to 7.30; final day, 10.45 to 5.0 (the umpires may order extra time to obtain a finish). POINTS (group matches only): 4 for a

order extra time to obtain a finish).
POINTS (group matches only): 4 for a
win, 2 for no result. In the event of a

tie, positions will be determined by the greater number of wins; if teams are still equal, by the faster scoring-rate. PRIZE-MONEY: winners, £20,000; runners-up, £8,000; beaten sami-finalists, £2,000; winners of group matches, £1,000. Man of the match: £200 (group matches); £400 (semi-finals); £500 (final).

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: maximum of 12 overs per bowler traduced in a

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: maximum of 12 overs per bowler (reduced in a restricted match); at the moment of delivery a minimum of four fielders (plus the bowler and wicketiceper) to be within an area marked by two semi-circles of 30-yards radius, centred on each middle stump and joined by parallel lines on each side of the pitch.

Test series

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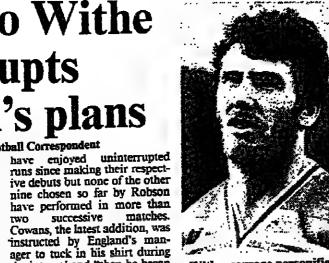
(£600,000).

DATES: first Test (the Oval), July 14 to 18; second Test (Headingley), July 28 to August 2; third Test (Lord's), August 11 to 18; fourth Test (Trent Bridge), August 25 to 29. The matches at the

England will meet New Zealand

Such deplorable weather was

match between MCC and Middle



Hungary, if they beat Greece at home next month, will chy". England lacked the authority of Bryan Robson and overtake Denmark, whom they visit on June 1. That, as Robson Wilkins, if not the inspiration of points out, could be a signifi-Hoddle. But Cowans struck a cant evening. While their only realistic challengers are at play, perfect free kick for Francis to England are involved in a Withe with equal precision 20 domestic issue that some regard Shilton needed to confirm his equally important, the annual fixture against Scotland. class with two important saves The last time the "auld but, since the opening group enemies" met was on the road three tie in Copenhagen, Ento Spain but Scotland's path to gland's defence has been disthe European finals in France has already ended. Belgium, turbed only by two speedy individuals, Rush and Rummewho beat East Germany on Wednesday night, extended nigge, who both struck at Wembley. The Danes are unlikely to allow the evening of their lead in group one and can now be caught only by Switzer-September 21 to pass with such

fixtures: Switzerland v East use 14; Scotland v Belgium, East v Switzerland, October 12; v Belgium, November 9; East icolland, November 16.

Group six

ing fixtures Albania v Turkey, Mey 12: v Austra, June 8; Northern Ireland v September 21; West Germany v October 6; Turkey v Northern Ireland, r 12; West Germany v Turkey, October st Germany v Northern Ireland, Turkey v

CRICKET: WEATHER STILL HOLDS THE UPPER HAND

Lever has

Cambridge

in trouble

CAMBRIDGE: Essex, with eight second innings wickets in hand, lead Cambridge Univer-

John Lever, the former England fast bowler, took seven wickets for 63 for Essex against Cambridge University at Fenner's yesterday.

The University were all out for 165 - a deficit of 210 runs - with Curtis

(50) providing the only real opposition to Lever.

opposition to Lever.

Fletcher, the Essex captain, did not enforce the follow-on, but juggled with his batting order to give Pringle and McEwan practice. They put on 165 before Pringle (83) was caught off Pollock, who in his next

over dismissed McEwan (86). Essex

ical i-b-w b Lever....

Guide to the season's competitions

ended the day at 182 for two

Trophy

Contested by the 17 first-class

counties, last season's leading 13 minor counties, Ireland and Scotland on a knock-out basis.

SPONSORS: National Westminster Bank (2324,000). DATES; first round, June 29; second round, July 20; quarter-finals, August 3; semi-finals, August 17; final (Lond's) Semi-ember 3.

(Lord's), September 3. DURATION OF MATCHES: 60 overs a

sity by 393 runs.

How they stand at halfway stage

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Remaining fixtures: Norway v Bulgaria,
September 7: Norway v Wales, September 21:
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Vales, November 16; Wales v Yugoslavia,
December 14; Yugoslavia v Bulgaria,
December 21. Group seven

the interval and "then he began

to look like an England player.

During the opening half hour, described by Robson as "sket-

put them ahead and Lee found

minutes from the end.

fixtures: Malta v Spain, May 15; pam, May 25; Iceland v Malta, June nds v Iceland, September 7; Iceland of Ireland, September 21; Republic

1931. Middlesex have still had only one day's cricket in the middle.

tomorrow's cricket at Lord's and the

Oval. And if the best way to dry the

someone, you may be sure, would object to one or more of the players

As the new machine at Lord's -called a "whale", it served its apprenticeship in Melbourne - plied

its way across the square, it created

a bow wave. There was no way of playing cricket – even a game with no points at stake and with two captains, Gower and Gatting, who know, without being told, that it is

less than eight weeks to the longest

Oval and Trent Bridge Include play on Sunday and thus have no rest day. DURATION OF MATCHES: five days, a minimum of 96 overs to be bowled on

each day. HOURS OF PLAY: 11.0 to 6.0 (or, if

HOURS OF PLAY: 11.0 to 6.0 (or, if later, when 96 overs have been bowled). Sunday: 12.0 to 7.0. If one hour or more is lost on any of the first four days, play may be extended until 7.0 (8.0 on Sundays).

PRIZE MONEY: 25,000 for the winners of a match. Player of the match 2500.

Men of the series: 21,000.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: only one bouncer an over permitted; a minimum

bouncer an over permitted; a minimum of 20 overs to be bowled from the start

of the last hour on the final day; follow-

County

championship

Holders: Middlesex

counties, who play eight of the others twice and the remaining

others twice and the remaining eight once. SPONSORS: Schweppes (£250,000). DATES: April 30 to September 13. DURATION OF MATCHES: three days (starting Saturday and Wednesday). HOURS OF PLAY: 11.0 to 6.30 (filtrid day, 11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0). In matches containing Sunday play: first day, 11.0 to 6.30: second day, 1.30 to 7.0; third day, 11.0 to 6.0 or 6.30. POINTS: 16 for a win; 8 for a tie; 8 for a side batting last in a drawn match in which the scores finish level; 12 for a win in a one-innings match (when play starts with less then eight hours playing time remaining).

stars with less then eight nours playing time remaining). BONUS POINTS: (available for first 100 overs of each side's first innings): Batting – 150-199 runs, 1; 200-248, 2; 250-299, 3; 300 upwards, 4. Bowting – 3-4 wickets, 1; 5-6, 2; 7-8, 3; 9-10, 4. PRIZE-MONEY: Champions, £14,000; runners-up, £7,000; third, £3,500; Fourth, £1,750. Match won: £150. Each brougs point?

Fourth, £1,760. Match worl: £130. Each borus point: £5. SPECIAL. REGULATIONS: only one bouncer an over permitted; a minimum of 20 overs to be bowled from the start of the last hour on the final day; fines on a sliding scale starting at £1,000 for counties tailing to maintain an average of 19 overs an hour over the first and second haives of the season; follow-on, 150 runs.

Tour matches

Apart from the Test matches and World Cup, the New Zealanders

will play three-day fixtures against nine of the counties and

DATES: July 2 to September 2. DURATION OF MATCHES: Three days

at the Scarborough Festival.

on, 150 runs.

Rain today will jeopardi

'Whale' makes bow

wave at Lord's

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The weather at Lord's yesterday wealthy counties to a degree." Even was perfect for cricket. It was warm so. Valiance Jupp played no fewer for time of year, the sun shone almost without interruption. Specday the players were able to let off

almost without interruption. Spec-tators picknicked in their shirt-sleeves. The only trouble was that was not, of course, in existence in

a wide and eager rendership, Allen and Unwin, the publishers, launsomeone, you may be sure, would

Withe: courage personified

Irish like big time

Northern Ireland are planning to fire their next European Championship shot not in the group six match with Austria in September but against England in the British Championship on May 28. Albitish that makes him so sure that bits a least the six of his birth, that makes him so sure that him that makes him so sure that fire their next European Champion-ship shot not in the group six match with Austria in September but against England in the British Championship on May 28. Al-though the Irish must wait another five months before meeting the group leaders their manager, Billy Bingham, believes that progress can be made next month along the rath be made next month along the path to next summer's finals in France. He hopes to persuade West Germany, before the nations meet in what may be the deciding fixtures, that his team have developed a liking for the big stage and intend to entertain in France as they did in Spain last year.
"If we can beat England it will be

a marvellous psychological boost for us", Bingham said yesterday, "It will make West Germany think and send a tremor around the ring of fire". The Germans, twice winners and once beaten finalists in the last three European Championships, have dropped three points in their four matches so far and dare not concede any more in the second half

Lever: seven wickets

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-45, 3-57, 4-80, 5-96, 5-128, 7-133, 8-144, 9-145, 10-165.

BOWLING: Lever, 22-8-63-7; Pringle, 14-4-52-0; Turner, 15.1-5-22-2; R E Esst, 12-7-16-1; Add(164, 15-8-21-0; Goods), 2-16-0; Umgireer J Birkenshaw and C T Spencer

ESSEI: First Innings, 375 for 8 dec (G A Good) 174, B R Hardie 129)

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D R Princip, a Doggart b Policek...
K R Port, not out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-165, 2-172

W R Fletcher, not out..... Extras (b2, w1).....

Total (2 wkts) .

his small but closely knit band of players will be in contention to the last qualifying game.

The 1-0 win over Albania on Wednesday night preserved an impressive sequence for Bingham of impressive sequence for singham of nine home matches without defeat, conceding only two goals, in his period as manager, "It is important to keep that continuity against England".

Stewart, the youngest member of the team by three years, turned in McIlroy's pass to deleat Albania and must now be wondering when his colleagues in attack, who have yet to score in the European Championship, will follow his example.

The winger kept Albania guessing with a mixture of trickery and perceptive passing but will need to ride a greater percentage of tackles if Bingham is to find subscribers to bis of their programme.

Bingham, who is confident that George Best. "He has a low cente of Austria's unbeaten sequence will end at Windsor Park, considers the Germans the most likely group winners. They have four home making good.

Five Blues available to Toogood

By Richard Streeton Oxford University and Somerset, provided the weather relents, hope to play a 50-over match in the Parks today. Permission was obtained from Lord's for their scheduled three-day fixture to be abandoned yesterday after a start could not be

the field soaked. Both teams are desperate for practice. Somerset's outdoor preparation at Taunton this April has which their batsmen each had 15 minutes' practice. "We would play on virtually anything at the moment; our bowiers, especially, badly need the chance of a bowl," the captain, Brian Rose, said.

Rose smiled when asked if Somerset's enforced inactivity made a certain Scunthorpe footballer the fittest member of their side. Botham missed this visit to Oxford because of a ceremony on Wednesday evening, when he received the freedom of Yeovil. By a twist of fate, Rose understood the nets at Taunton had dried out yesterday and that Botham was able to practise in perfect conditions.

Giles Toogood, the Oxford captain, had five other Blues

captain, isset live other available this term. Inevitably, they include that permanent resident, Roger Moulding, who has already established a record in modern times by playing five times at Lord's against Cambridge. He should complete his DPhil thise year, but before that will doubtless be at Lord's for the sixth time on June 29. Oxford's other Blues available are Richard Ellis, last year's captain and

a Middlesex player; Kevin Hayes, who has played for Lancashire; Jonathan Varey, whose twin brother, David, plays for Cambridge; and Richard Luddington, who also has rugby and bockey Blues. Stuart Ridge, who opened the bowling at Lord's in 1982, is in residence but is not available; R A B Ezekowitz, who opened Oxford's batting in 1980 and 1981, is also in residence but has already obtained. residence but has already obtained his DPhil. The University cricket

club are not anxious to have another Boat Race controversy on their Among the freshmen are John Carr, the son of Donald Carr, the Test and County Cricket Board secretary. John Carr has batted No. 4 for Hertfordshire and also bowls off breaks. Another newcomer is Mark Cullinan, a wicket keeper-

Amarnath leads

yesterday. Amarnath, who had led a

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-18. BOWLING: , Roberts 5-2-19-1; Holding, 5-1-19-0; Marshad, 7-1-22-1; Davis, 4-0-30-0; Richards, 4-2-4-0; Gomas, 0.3-0-0-0.

TENNIS Gunfire stops play on court

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Richard Lewis bear Robin Drysdale 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 to reach the last eight of the men's singles in the British Home Stores tournament at Hampstead yesterday. The content

British Home Stores tournament at Hampstead yesterday. The content and consequence of the match were of less interest than the scoring sheet, which will become a collector's item. The umpire, Pamela Croome, of Claygate, dutifully made the following notes: "3.05 - gunfire stopped play! 3.26 - gunmen left - four mins warm-up". Three men on the roof of a house about 100 yards, away had been attracting attention for some time. When Lewis was serving his second ball at 2-3 and 30-40 down in the second set (and facing the relevant roof), he heard something whiz through the air and land on the court. He lost the point and discovered a pellet. "I wasn't playing all that well," he - said later, "but I didn't think it was that had". More clicking moses followed and play was suspended. Police rounded up the culprits and confiscated an air-rifle, an air pistol and a pair of binoculars. The offenders were reported to West Hampstead police station, where an officer stated: "Summonses will be applied for at a future date and no

Hampstead police station, where an officer stated "Summonses will be applied for at a future date and no doubt they will appear in court."

Except for all that, the most remarkable feature of the day was the appearance of the caplessly unfamiliar Frew McMillan, Aged 40, McMillan lives at Bristol. He has chard five doubles charmons. has shared five doubles champion-ships at Wimbledon and last year was runner up to John Newcombe in the over-35 singles. Uncommonly fit and (in doubles)

McMillan is now concentrating on doubles and the over-35 circuit. But invitations to the latter sometimes seen to be largely a matter of chance, so he has to ply his trade where and

This tournament, the fortyminth at the Cumberland Club, is one of those essential events at which players on the way up meet those on the way down and those who are not going anywhere in particular. In short, it is midway up the ladder: and ladders without a middle in them are not much use. In the known as a "tableau finale", a system by which 64 competitors play down to eight and then join eight previously exempt seets.

The total prize-money is a modest £4.500 but this is nevertheless a delightfull traditional and predominantly British tourmament played on an island of greenness and flowers and bird-song amid a builtup suburban environment. It is a pleasant spot for respected, of not renowned, players to try a few shots but never, until yesterday, the king that briefly flew towards a British Davis Cup player.

Davis Cup player.

MEN'S SINGLES; Third sound: G Bradmam in C Emery, 8-0, 6-7, 6-1; R Dryadele bt D'Watt, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; P Moore bt. 5 Jones, 7-6, 5-4, 6-2, 5-2, 6-2; P Moore bt. D Shrw, 7-6, 2-6, 6-2; F McMillan (SA) bt. S Bate, 8-2, 6-2; F J Feaver bt. S Bate, 8-2, 6-2; F McMillan (SA) bt. S Bate, 8-2, 6-2; J Feaver bt. Scott, 7-6, 6-4; Gradmam bt. A Plennar (SA), 7-6, 6-2; J Dier bt. Moore, 6-1, 6-3; S Sinae, bt. M. Holland, 4-6, 6-2, 9-7; R Levels bt. Dryadele, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Third sound: J Revies bi.
S.Leech, S-1, 7-6; L. Greeves by V Marier (Aux.),
S-4, S-2; R Mentz (SA) bt S Sulven, S-3, S-3; L.
Grace bi. L. Fargerald (Aux.), S-1, S-2; S. Rojas,
Med bi. L. Fargerald (Aux.), S-2, S-1, Fourth round:
D. Garrett bt. M. Reinach (SA), S-3, restract; D.
Parmel w. S. Reviews, SCR: Mentz (SA) bt. S.
Walpote, S-4, S-1; J. Balmon bt C. Drury, S-2, SB, S-1; Roiss (Man) wo A husle (M, A Brown bt. C.
Greeves, S-1, S-2; L. Sewert (N2) bt. J. Reviews, 6-3, 7-8; E Jones of L Grade, 6-7, 8-4, 6-4. Quarter-finals: Martz of Salmon, 6-0, 8-0.

Denton pays call - and faces Lendl

From a Special Correspondent, Dallas

Breaking his journey to Houston and calling in at the World Championship Tennis finals proved a lucky decision for Steve Denton, a a mercy decision for sieve Denion, as husky Texan. He was brought in as substitute for the injured Brian Teacher, proceeded to beat Paul McNamee of Australia, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6, 7-6, and is now in the quarter final round, in which he faces Ivan Lendt.

the defending champion.

Denton was still wiping sleep from his eyes when he learnt around midday that he would be playing. "I never gave it a thought that I would have a chance of playing, for I was fourth in line of reserves behind Johan Kriek, Mark Dickson and Heinz Gunthardt, Kriek and Dickson had started other tourna ments; Gunthardt was still in Europe."

Denton, 6ft 2in of explosive power, particularly with his service, had just completed a hectic three had just completed a neede three days of playing in three different cines and in between flying had managed only five hours' sleep a night. He has never played in the WCT finals before.

The curious twist of his meeting

with McNamee is that it was on the strength of his win when they last met at Houston earlier this month that the Australian carned his Dallas place. On that occasion McNames won in straight sets. This time it won in straight sets. This time its proved a much tougher encounter, lasting 2hrs 52mins – the longest match of the tournament so far – and it did not finish until well past midnight, by which time most of the crowd of 9,000 had left the huge

Rennion arena.

With the last two sets needing tiebreaks there was every prospect of a fifth. It all ended on a somewhat sour note, with McNamee shouting to the umpire that he had been cheated over a line decision when the line judge kept quiet and refused to answer his appeals.

Strike averted

A 24-hour strike by players of Hardepool was called off last night when they were paid their wages a week late. The fourth division club's players walked out and refused to train after being told that the money, due last Thursday, was not yet available. Worcestershire are reducing

admission prices to the unemployed for midweek county matches this season and also cutting admission prices for families for John Player League matches.

Lancashire's chairman, Cedric Rhoades, said yesterday that in a

poil among the county's members 75 per cent were against four-day championship matches. He said: "Lancashire will fight any attempt to bring in the four-day game. It would mean a drastic reduction in



SNOOKER

Davis pins down the mercurial Irishman

By Sydney Friskin

Steve Davis, the 1981 champion, was all grace and ease against the defending champion, Alex Higgins, when their semi-final of the world championship, sponsored by Embassy, began at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday. There is a long way to go in this 31-frame match which will take its followers into the afternoon of tomorrow but into the afternoon of tomorrow but esterday Davis had taken a 5-2 lead over the mercurial hishman.

At the other end of the draw Tony Knowles, having beaten Tony Meo 13-9, has been looking sharper than he has been for several months. He was ready for action against the marathon man of snooker, Cliff Thorburn of Canada. This match too will not be decided until

It was no until the seventh frame yesterday that Higgins quickened the pulse of his audience with a break of 71. He had scratched and scraped in the early exchanges, though admittedly the balls had rolled aone too kindly for him, and be found himself three frames down Davis meanwhile had posted with growing assurance, missing very little and was quick to consolidate. He had breaks of 56 in the first frame and 47 in the third.

It was only after a brief struggle that Higgins managed to win the fourth frame and be was encouraged by a hurried shot from Davis on the by a nurrier and nonl Davis on the brown. Higgins made a break of 54 but could rarely display his natural gifts. After a brief interval Davis came back to restore his three-frame advantage. He also won the fifth frame without a fight and was so fluent in the sixth that he left

Higgins with little chance.

When a break of 33 put him 91-13 in from Higgins was left with only the humble pickings. Then came the

of the talking. "I still think I'm playing fairly well. I've been looking forward to this confrontation". Davis, however was still completely relaxed. And Higgins was a little edgy.

For the second time this week Cliff Thorburn, of Canada, dragged a match into the early hours of the morning. At 2.12 yesterday his companied, Kirk Stevens, shock hands with him in conceding at 13hands with him in conceaing at 13-12, a victory which put Thorburn in the semi-final round. This was a great feat of endurance by both players, who played for Librs 32mins. The deciding 25th frame was the longest: it lasted 61 mins, eight more than its predecessor.

Thorburn, with sustained patience and concentration, won the izst three frames, escaping from the jaws of defeat when Stevens, leading 12-10, suffered from a momentary lapse of concentration to miss the yellow, aimed at one of the side pockets. The colours were in position for a match-winning run, the time of the second of the side position for a match-winning run. but it was Thorburn who eventually ooned them to stay in the match.
Slowly but surely Thorburn won

the next frame and the stage was set for a showdown. But Thorburn had the stamina to draw shead and, with the stamina to draw shead and, with the colours remaining he left Stevens requiring two snookers. He obtained one of them, but his plans for snother failed and his chances receded when he conceded points on a foul stroke. Eventually, after Thorburn had potted the blue. Stevens, who had raised his game to unexpected heights, thought that unexpected heights, thought that enough was enough.

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break of 71 which made Higgins feel

a tot more comfortable.

When both players face reporters

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St. 72-46, 53-60, 61-63, 77-86, 13-81, 130-1, 15-6, 15-3, 85-34, 53-45, 47-73, 75-46, 74-23, 66-11.

Renewing the struggle

From the stream of political undercurrents has emerged the wellknown saying: "If you can't beat 'em join 'em." Mike Watterson, of Snookssport, may not win, his battle against the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) but he intends to stand for the post of director with this organization at their annual general meeting on May 3, Sydney Friskin

"I have been put up for this appointment," he said, "and I have accepted the nomination." Not given to taking setbacks lying down. he intends to have something to say. Mr Watterson is hurt because his contract to promote the next world ional snooker championship not being renewed. The event is to be promoted by the newly-formed WPBSA Promotions Ltd.

FOR THE RECORD BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesota Twins 5, Cleveland Indians 3; New York Yasikees 6, Kenses City Royals 2; Toronto Blue Juys 3, Texas Rengers 2; Boston Red Scx 2, Seattle Mariners 1; Minusicae Brevers 6, Chicago White Scx 2; Batimare Orioles 6, Oelderd Athletics 0; Catifornia Angels 13, Detroit Tigers 2.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Sen Francisco Glents 3
Pittsburgh Pirates 2; New York Mets 2
Cincinstil Reds 1; Sr Louis Cardinels 7, Lox
Angeles Dodgers 6; Houston Astros 4
Moutrest Expos 2; Chasgo Cube 5, Sen Diego
Padres 4 (10 Innings); Philidephia Phillies 6
Atlanta Braves 2.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Best-of series: Philadelphia 75ers 98, New York 91 (Stors Inad 2-0); Milwaukee Buck Boston Califica 1,15 (Bucks leed 1-0).

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4550.50; 3, A Fernandaz (Sp), 4550.52; 4, P
Manoz (Sp), 4552.30. DIVING

WOODLANDS, Texase World Cup chemplon-ships: Women's 3-metre springboard: 1, Peng Yuenchun (Chine): 2, W Wyland (US): 3, S Bernier (Carl, Mon's 10-metre platform: 1, G Lougants (US): 2, B Kimball (US): 3, Tong Hui (Chi). Team: 1, United States; 2, Chine; 3, Soviet Union. ICE HOCKEY

TENNIS

ATLANTA: Women's Grand Prix tournamens Second round: K. Jordan (US) beat S Walet (US), 7-5, 1-6, 6-4; A Smith (US) beat A Mouton (US), 8-4, 6-4. TENNIS

TANPA: Grand Prix tournement. Menus singles. first round: M Bauer (US) bit S Meyer (US), 63, 6 7, 7-8; J Kriek (SA) bit R Tenner (US), 7-5, 6-7, 6-3. Second round: T Cain (US) bit M Dickson (US), 5-7, 6-3, 7-9; J Hizgendi (Aus) bit U Arming (ind), 6-1, 6-2; M De Palmer (US) bit M Estap (US), 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. F Bushnerg (US) bit E Fromm (US), 6-3, 6-2. Wednesday's results

ELFROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one: Beighan 2, East Germany T. Group take: Soviet Union 5, Portugal 0. Group take: England 2, Hungary 0; Demmark 1, Greece 0. Group day: Wales 1, Butgaria 0. Group aler Austria 0, Germany 0: R Ireland 1, Albertia 0; Group seven: Spein 2, Republic of Ireland 0.

NTERNATIONAL: Sweden 3, Nesterlands 0.
SECOND DIVISION: Leeds United 1, Shoffield Wadnesdy 2.

Nachescay 2, 1970 DIVISION: Oxford United 1, Mitwall 9, 1970 DIVISION: Oxford United 1, Mitwall 9, 1970 TIRSH PREMIER DIVISION: Kimernock 2, R Mirran 2; Motherwell 0, Aberdeen 3, 1971 TIRSH SECOND DIVISION: Cowdenbeeth 1, Stramaer 0.

RUGBY UNION: The prop forward, Gordon Sargem, is to return to Gloncester as captain, less than a year after leaving because he felt he had been treated unfairly. He has been with Lydney this season, but was overwhelmingly selected as captain by Gloucester players

RUGBY LEAGUE

Cup mercy for Kemble

Gary Kemble, the Hull and New Zealand full back, breathed a sign of Macklin writes. He received a one-match suspension, and so will be able to play for Hull in the Challenge Cup final against Fea-therstone Rovers at Wembley on May 7. He misses Sunday's Premiership semi-final with Leeds. The man who was sent off with Kemble for fighting, the Hull Kingston Rovers full back, Paul Lydiat, also received a one-match suspension. He misses Sunday's premiership semi-final with Widnes, which gives Rovers a problem since George Fairbairn, who would have moved back to full back from centre, is injured. Robinson will probably take over.

Tony Johnson, the Huddersfield forward on loan to Hunslet, received a ban of eight matches. Four were for tripping in the Hunslet v Salford game, and four for illegal use of the elbow in an A team game against I gods. team game against Leeds. Other suspensions were: Four matches: Bob Blackwood (Salford).

Gordon Pritchard (Cardiff City). Roger Hudson (Batley) Les Bolton

TODAY'S FIXTURES Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Second division Charlton Athletic v Shrewsbury Town Third division Southend United v Walsell Fourth division Coichester United v Bristol City Halifax v Hartlepool United Port Vale v Peterborough United RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: St Ness v Cardiff (8.30) CRICKET
LORD'S MCC v Middleex (11.0 to 8.30 or 6.0)
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Essax
(11.0 to 5.30 or 8.0)
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Somerast OTHER SPORT ATHLETICS: Cambridge University v RAF (Cambridge) Combertend tournament (st Hammanner)

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(at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield)

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DURATION OF MATCHES: 90 overs a side. If the weather interferes, two further days are available. The side batting second must receive 20 overs to constitute a match, although umpires may order a match of a minimum of 10 overs a side on the final day. If that is not possible, the toas of a coin (or some other means agreed by the captians) will decide. HOURS OF PLAY: 10.30 to 7.30 (the lumpires may order aware time to Impires may order extra time to obtain a finish). PRIZE-MONEY: winners, £13,000; runners-up £6,500; beaten seminalists, £3,750; beaten quarter-finalists, £2,000. Man of the match: uneasts, £2,000. Men of the mater. £100 (first and second rounds); £175 (quarter-finals); £250 (semi-finals); £500 (final).

of 12 overs per bowler (reduced in a restricted match); fielding restricted as for World Cup. Benson and **Hedges Cup**

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: maximum

Holders: Somerset Contested by the 17 first-class counties, Minor Counties, Com-bined (Oxford and Cambridge) Universities and Scotland. Teams are drawn in four qualifying groups of five, in which they meet each other once. The winners and runners-up in each group go

(starting Saturday and Wednesday), a minimum of 96 overs to be bowled on forward to the quarter-finals and the competition is thereafter contested as a knock-out. maintain of 96 overs to be cowned on each day.

HOURS OF PLAY: 11.30 to 6.30 (third day, 11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0). In matches containing Sunday play: first day, 11.0 to 6.0; second day, 12.0 to 7.0; third SPONSORS: Benson and Reogas (275,000).

DATES: group matches, May 7, 14, 17, 19, 21; quarter-finals, June 1; sami-finals, July 6; final (Lord's), July 23.

DURATION OF MATCHES: 55 overs a to 6.0; second day, 12.0 to 7.0; third day, 11.30 to 6.0 or 6.30. (Play will continue, if necessary, on all days until 96 overs have been bowled.) SPECIAL REGULATIONS: only one bouncer an over permitted; a minimum of 20 overs to be bowled from the start of the last hour on the final day; follow-

DURATION OF MATCHES: 55 overs a side. If the weather interferes, a second day is available for play in the group match and a third also for the knock-out rounds. The side batting second must receive 20 overs to constitute a match, although the umpires may order a match of a minimum of 10 overs a side on the final day, if that is not possible, group matches will be declared "no result"; the toss of a coin will decide knock-out matches. NatWest Bank

the toss of a coin will decide knock-out matches.

HOURS OF PLAY: 11.0 to 7.30 (the umplies may order extra time to obtain a finish).

POINTS (group matches only): 2 for a win, 1 for no result, in the event of a lie, positions are determined by the bowlers' striking-rate (balls bowled divided by wickets taken).

PRIZE-MONEY: winners, 213,000; nuners-up, 26,500; beaten semi-finalsate, 23,000; beaten quarter-finalists, 21,750; winners of group matches, 2450. Gold award: £75 (group matches); £175 (quarter-finals); £250 (semi-finals); £500 (final).

SPECIAL, REGULATIONS: maximum of 11 overs per bowler' (reduced in a

Holders: Sussex

oversi. POINTS: 4 for a win; 2 for a tie; 2 for

Compiled by Marcus Williams

of 11 overs per bowler' (reduced in a restricted match); fielding restrictions as for World Cup.

John Player Contested by the 17 first-class counties, who play each other

once. SPONSORS; John Player Special (total figure unavailable). DATES: every Sunday from May 8 to DURATION OF MATCHES: 40 overs a side. If the weather interferes, a minimum of 10 overs a side constitutes a match. HOURS OF PLAY: 2.0 to 6.40 (but play may continue until 7.0 to complete the

PRIZE MONEY: Champions, £13,000; namers-up, £6,500; third, £3,250; fourth, £1,750. (If the leading teams finishing level on points, positions are detarmined by: most wins; most away wirs; overall nur-rate in that order.) Winners of each match: £275. Betting award (most stops in season): £350. Bowling award (taker of four wickstein an innings most times): £350. Fastest televised fifty: £250.

Indian recovery St John's, Antigua - India, put in to bat in the fifth and final Test

BNDIA: First Innings

6 M Gevesker c Dujon b Marshall

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Extras (4)

match against West Indies, lost their openers, Gavaskar and Gaekwad, sefore lunch on the first day here

Yeshpal Sharme, R.J. Shesht, "Kapit Dev. 15 M H. Kirment, S. Medan Lel, L. Shraramakriatnen und S. Venkasaraghavan to bat.

Umplee: D M Archer and R Weeks.
WEST NDIES: C G Greenidge, D L Haynee, I V
A Richards, H A Gomes, A L Logie, "C H Lloyd,"
I'P J Dajon, M D Marchell, A M E Roberts, M A
Hokking and W W Cavis.

THE TIMES FRIDAY APRIL 29 1983

Ma Biche pays back a shaikh's ransom

The enormous Arabian investment in bloodstock reaped its richest dividend so far this season when Freddie Head rode Ma Biche to a decisive victory in the 1,000 guineas at Newmarket vesterday. During the the best filly over a mile that I have ever ridden?

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Ma Biche is a mile that I have ever ridden? paid more than \$2m for last Stakes winner. Mine And Ma scason's Cheveley Park Stakes Biche's grand-dam Minge also winner. Yesterday Ma Biche looked a bargain at that price as for fillies and familied second to she stormed home clear of Honeylight in the 1956, 1,000 rivals.

a personal triumph for Criquette Head. In 1979 slie became the first woman to train a Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe for the Coronation Stakes at winner when Three Troikes Royal Ascot. Thave been lucky beat Le Marmot and Troy. And in England and will be coming yesterday she became the first here again. The Irish 1,000 of her sex to saddle an English Guineas is an alternative target

Watching the finish it was to soon.

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Easy to understand why people are prepared to spend kings.

The Maktoum brothers of Dubai now own an incredible ransoms on thoroughbreds. 238 horses and are said to have

crescendo as Head sent the 5-2 behind Shearwal favourite into the lead at the Heathorn Stakes. foot of the hill. Staying on with utmost determination Ma Biche

point Habibti and Rarre Roberite's credit she never gave up first time out last year. I was trying and after looking dangerous for a few strides a furlong from home, she was outstayed by both the winner and the

Michael Stoute has now had the frustrating experience of saddling the runner up in the 1,000 guineas for the third time, Fair Salina having finished second to Enstone Park in 1978 and Our Home to Quick as Lightning in 1980. Royal Heroine is now favourite at 8-1 for her attempt to repeat Fair Salina's triumph in the Oaks for the stable.

Head has been French champion jockey several times and has won four Prix de l'Arc de Triomphs. Yet curiously enough his only previous English classic success was gained on Zino in last year's 2000 Guineas. Yesterday the skilful jockey executed the timehonoured manocuvre of using the downhill run into the dip to

Mrs Head is obviously not broher. "Freddie hit the front far too soon. I shall have to speak to him about it afterwards", was her hypercritical comment afterwards. The jockey however was unrepentant about his handling of the

Draw no advantage

Tote double 3.5, 4.10. Treble 2:35, 3.35, 4.40

[Television (ITV) 2.35, 3.5 and 3.35 races]

"the best filly over a mile that I

Vals.

This victory also represented Maktoum Ma Riche raced in personal triumph for Crititle Head in 1979 also ChiChildren of Alec Head's wife. Ghislaine. The trainer plans to bring the filly back to England but that would probably come

ransoms on thoroughbreds. 238 horses and are said to have Nothing can equal the thrill of spent over £30m on yearlings watching top-class horses strive for supremacy. This emotion is obviously felt by Shaikh Maktoum who said "Camel racing is for fun. This is better".

The excitement reached a second, one and a half lengths crescendo as Head sent the 5-2 behind Shearwalk in the the foreign of the lead at the second.

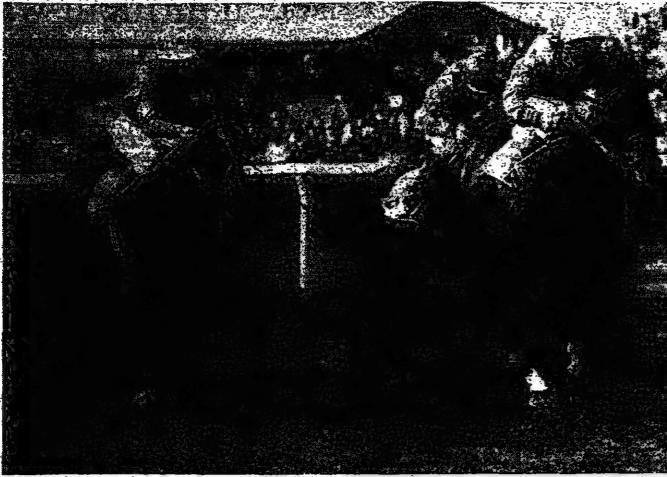
foot of the hill. Staying on with utmost determination Ma Biche won by one and a half lengths from Royal Heroine with Favoridge a head away third. Habibti finished fourth ahead of Rare Robertz and Annie Edge.

Crime of Passion made the running until Walter Swinburn set sail for home on Royal Heroine at the Bushes. At this point Habibti and Rarre Robert.

Heathern Stakes.

Lester Piggott is one of the great jockeys of all time. Yesterday the poker-faced maestro appeared to be on a fact-finding mission on Dunbeath. The pair were still towards the rear with three furlongs to run. By the time furlongs to run. By the time furlong they reached a challenging position Swinburn had stolen Having used up the colf's

Having used up the colt's ta were well placed. Pat Eddery speed to get there, Piggott was was poised on the outside to forced to accept the simution in challenge on Favoridge, who the last furlong, "It's encourag-was not travelling quite as ing for the future", the jockey sweetly as you would have said afterwards, "Dunbeath, expected. To the second favour-badly needed the race as he did



Ma Biche is chased home by Royal Heroine and Habibii (fourth, stripes). The third horse, Favoridge, is out of the picture.

pleased". So, too, was Henry Cecil delighted with the horse whose preparation was inter-rupted earlier in the spring by a sprung curb. Dunbeath is top-quoted at 6-1 for the Derby by

Swinbura had ridden an enterprising race, but Shearwalk certainly deserves full marks for courage. Despite being sired by

Godswalk, Shearwalk possesses couple of seasons at the end of on to complete a double on that stamina well in excess of speed. This factor contributed to his defeat in some of the top two-Lingfield Derby Trial or in the Mecca-Dante stakes en route to Epsom. "Godswalk is going to

the year", said Robert Sangster, Shearwalk's owner-breeder. Cecil has 102 two-year-olds year-old races last season in his yard at Warren Place.
Michael Stoute plans to run And it was hard not to feel some
Shearwalk in either the sympathy for his fellow trainers when his first runner of that age group, Rex Lane, comfortably justified favouritism in the El

remarkable old veteran, Popsi's

Joy, in the March Handicap. Opinion is now hardening that Diesis is going to win tomorrow's 2,000 Guineas after the favourite's good gallop on Wednesday. It is now impossible to beat 5-2 about Lord Howard de Walden's full

Diamond Shoal to capitalize on a priceless asset

Australia as a stallion for a

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

only the most valuable race at . Newmarket today but also by far the nost fascinating. A battle between top class four-year-olds has always been one of the jays of Flat racing. Sadly the huge financial gain derived from an early retirement to stud means that the cream tends to be skimmed more often than not

be skimmed more offen than not these days.

In this instance, though, Time Charter, Simply Great, Diamond Shoal, Electric, Old Country and Zilos are six of those who delighted us last season still in training. The sight of them racing across the Heath promises to be every bit as absorbing as any classic. absorbing as any classic.

With the benefit of a previous

race and what is more an impressive winning one. Diamond Shoul looks to have a priceless advantage and he is my gelection. If he is successful he will make no for the narrow defeat aware of these fine points as her of his edge brother, Ghitt of Gold, broker "Freddie hit the front on the corresponding occasion 12

months ago.

There was much to like about the way that Diamond Shoal won the John Porter Stakes at Newbury earlier this month. The way that he cruised to the front hilfway up the straight suggested that he had three-year-old, whom he called improved greatly, And he will not

Newmarket

2.0 WILBRAHAM STAKES (2-y-o fillies maidens: £2,582:5f) (6 runners)

11-10 Be My Valentine, 100-30 News, 8 Rizie Blins, 8 Worling Gold, 12 Rosens Park, Musical

PORSE: Whitster (8-11) 3rd beaters 8t to High Cannon (pare-22d 8 rm., Think 1m 4f sits good April 15. Moment in Time (8-13) 8th beaters 10 to Johnny Mobody (gave 8th) 12 rm. Newmarkst 1rd for any good to soft Sept 29. Princess Herstalin (8-2) 5th beaters 3-1 to Historian (see 7th) 17 rm. Leleaster 7f 1 rap. Leleaster 7f 1 rap. Leleaster 7f 1 rap. Cannon (see 7th) 12 rm. Chepstow 7f sits good to firm Sept 11, sets Fighs (8-9) 5th beaters 3-1 to Serving Mercy (see 18) 12: 1 rm. Chepstow 7f sits good to firm Sept 11, sets Fighs (8-9) 5th beaters 3-1 to Serving Mercy (see 18) 7 rap. Newmarkst 7f sits Cot 15. Woodcotts Belle (8-9) 2nd beaters 2 to Stevend Mercy (see 18) 7 rap. Newmarkst 7f sits Cot 15. Woodcotts Belle (8-13) 3rd beaters 11 to What A Phy (seed-11 rap. 8) Newbury 7f relation sits good to soft April 16. Pied declaration (8-3) 2nd beaters 4 remarkst, to 3 Pormed (rec 80) 7 ran. Wolverhampton 1 rif 1 sits soft April 10. Dense Admitted (8-11) 3rd beater 3-1 to Sid Setting (seve) 21 rm. Newmarkst 7f mids sits good Oct 30.

3.5 BRITISH SUGAR SILVER SPOON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £8,129: 61) (17)

PORIE: Fine Edge (8-11) to beaten 4-1 to Saleri (seed) 5 ray, Newbury of stics good Sep 18. Private Sey (8-10) 3rd beaten 5 to Sevent Moratory (gree 13 b) 9 ray. Keinplon 64 atts soft Apr-4. Private Label (8-2) 6th beaten over 61 to Feerlass Lad (game 13 b) 8 ray. Helydock 54 atts soft Apr-4. Private (8-2) 6th beaten over 61 to Feerlass Lad (game 13 b) 8 ray. Helydock 54 atts soft Apr-4. Private (8-2) 6th beaten 047 Apr 15. Roset (8-7) 4th Departy Meant (9-6 8 b) 3rd beaten 47 atts. Newbury 65 it cap soft Apr 15. Roset (8-7) with 3 form Return Match (game 8 b) 8 ray.

BRITISH SUGAR SILVER SPOON HANDICAP (3-y-o: 110-24111-3 PINE EDGE (C): (K Abdulis) J Trae 9-7 PRINCE SPY (CD) (S Powell) J Statistis 9-4 PRINCE (COUNTY) FRIEND (C) (A Absentacin) M Jaminuty 9-13 PRINCE (COUNTY) FRIEND (C) (A PARCHO) (S PARCHO) STATISTIS PRINCE (COUNTY) PRINCE (COUNTY) 9-13 PRINCE (COUNTY) 9-13 PRINCE (COUNTY) PRINCE (COUNTY) 9-13 PRINCE (COUNTY) PRINCE (COUNTY) 9-13 PRINCE (COUNTY) PRINC

11-4 Merodote, 4 Prince Spy, 11-2 Rine Edge, Miles Thames, 7 Prints, Coquito's Friend, 12 Sideb, 14 Bold Mover, Remz, 29 others.

PEMY VALENTINE (A CHARIB) H Cool 8-11

BE MY VALENTINE (A CHARIB) H Cool 8-11

BOOM SHANTY (D Warmington) P Brookshair 5-11

KURSQVA (W Gradley) C British 8-11

MUSICAL LOVE (Dr. C Lehmooksey) 8 Hanbury 8-11

HEWS (Mrs. J de Robinshild) 8 Hobbs 8-11

RIZLA BLUE (N Vinny) F Dur 8-11

ROGANA PARK (G MINDS E Extra 8-11

WORLING GOLD (G Hubbard) M Ryan 8-11

2.35 PRETTY POLLY STAKES (3-y-o filles: £6,815: 1m 2f) (18)

need to nave improved that much since lest season to be in a winning position this afternoon. At Newhory, Djiamond Shoal beat Amyndas by four lengths, and now he will be meeting that some horse, who was not beaten far by Ardross and Glint of Gold on this occasion last year, or only 3th worse terms. on only 31b worse terms.

Dismond Shoal was beaten

The Jockey Club Stakes is not need to have improved that much. July also saw what he is capable of when he gave weight and a decisive beating to Touching Wood in the Gardon Stakes, However, on two other occasions he ran badly, first at Royal Ascot and then again at Doncaster. His history of back trouble makes him something of an

Meetings in jeopardy

Hardison of such sites good to soft Apr 12. Seek Binder (7-4) won shind from Andrex Lad (gave 26 b) 6 ran. Haydock of his part Apr 13 Cacquiller's Friend (9-7) 3rd beaten 2-1 sh hat to Prince 3py (set 1] b) with Andrex Lad (set 7: b) 2nd beate 2-1 16 ran. Newmented 61 his cap good to soft Cot 14. Handside (9-4) won'n the from blooks (9-4) won'n the room blooks (9-4) won'n the room to be 15 ran. Lad sets 77 rach sites (9-7) 2nd beaten 3t to Broken Habit (set 9 to 11 fram. Sandown 61 his good to soft Oct 26. Misse Therees (8-11) won his from Fleet Review (sevel) 15 ran. Yemmouth 61 min sites good Jane 29. SELECTION: Fine Edge.

15-8 Time Cherter, 5-2 Simply Great, 9-2 Diamond Shoat, 8 Electric, 12 Amyridae, 14 Zios, 15 Old Country, Mathemat Of Kowell, 20 orders.

15 Old Country, Matheraix Of Kawerit, 20 others.

FORait: Easter Stat (9-8) 8th beater 7-7 to Final Shadel (rec 17 to) 12 ren, Describe fro 57 stice good Aug 29. Dismond Shadel (9-6) won 3-tone Little Wolf (gave 6th) with Augustas (eva) 3rd beater 48 ran, Newbory 1m 44 state good to soft Apr 18. Old Country 6-2-7 of beater 19 to Open Day (rec 18 b) 17 ran, Ascot 1m 44 state good to firm Aury 17. Electric (9-9) not in first to Touching Wood, (eva) 15 ran, Doncaster 1m 61 127 yet state from 59 11. Samply Great (9-0) won 2½ from Patace Gold (swell) 5 ran, York 1m 21 10 yet state good to firm Mr 12. Three Charter (6-7) won 7 tron Prime Voot (give 3b) 14 ran, Newmertot 1 nd 21 state good Oct 18. Nuters to Ramel (6-7) non 7 tron Prime Voot (give 3b) 14 ran, Newmertot 1 nd 21 state good Oct 18. Nuters to Ramel (6-7) not in first 9 to Moureain Lodge (rec 11 to) 28 ran. Newmertost 2m 21 if cap good Oct 18. Zilos (6-11) 7th beater 91 to Deate (6-well) 1 ran. Longcherop 1m 77 to yet sits heavy Oct 24.

nn, 3 Geletzkey, 9-2 Jungle Romeo, 6 Sedre, 10 Hard Kingdom, 14 Aukemiah

Newmarket selections

By Michael Phillips 2.0 Be My Valentine, 2.35 Funny Reef, 3.05 Prince Spy. 3.35 Diamond Shoel, 4.10 Our Dynasty, 4.40 Hard Kingdom, 5.10 Fith.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Be My Valentine. 2.35 Fluid Mechanics 3.05 Miss Thames. 3.35 Simply

Great. 4.10 African Abandon. 4.40 Hard Kingdom. 5.10 Faith.

4.10 CHEVINGTON STAKES (2-y-c: £2,452: 5f) (8)

4.40 BURWELL HANDICAP (3-y-c: £4,207: 1m) (15)

11 OUR DYNASTY (D) (W Hobsor) M Lambert 1-1
11 AFRICAN ABANDON (CD) (P Mile) C Britain 9-5
11 NOVELLO (CD) (R Box Wignore) Where 1-6
81 SOLVA (D) (P Burtisid) Mrs C Resvey 5-13
8 MARC'S CHOICE (Mas J Collins) P Felden 8-11
2 REESH (H H Y and Aksoed) W O'Gormen 8-11

O BURWELL HANDICAP (3-y-c: E4,207: 1m) (15)

10023-0 SHARP SEA (Mrs S Do Bulsson) B Hobbs 9-7

14-2 MARIBLETAM (C) (C. St. George) H Coch 9-5

2013-3 ANKERSHEM (D) (C. Riyart) True 9-5

21429-4 ARTIST'S REEL S Neurchou) P Wahryn 5-13

00-8 ROYAL BRIGADIER (S Mosen) B Briting 3-13

3071-1 SLACK FALCON (F Seingfl) P Cols 8-11

21221221221221221230-40 MAJOR ANTHONY (Durisons UN) J Society 8-5

40-1 HARP KORGON (E Modar) G Wreog 8-3

31- KEYBOARD (L. Desby) G Pritcherd-Gordon 8-3

10040-1 GALETZIV (Mrs G Majories) C British 7-11

211- ROMAN SEACH (R Carrham) W Mussion 7-10

840-2 SUGAR LOCH (R Modaphre) J Hinchey 7-8

000- BALLAGARROW GREL (P Write) R Hollinhead 7-7

2 Mandelstein, 3 Gelebber, 9-2 Andels Roman, 10 New

1.10 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE WHIP (3-y-o: 1m) (3)

245 DALNEAGE (I Hembro) P Burgoyne 9-0 4 PATH (H Al-Medoum) Thomson Jones 9-0 0- GOLDWAYER (Sir K Butt) B Hobbs 9-0

3.35 JOCKEY CLUB STAKES (Group lil: £18,786: 1m 47) (11)

Today's race meeting at Carlisle has been abandoned because of waterlogging and brings the total of assertings lost in the wettest April on record to 24 - 15 of them on the flat. Today's other meetings at Newmar-ket and Tauniou look safe, but three of Saturday's five meetings hinge on

Ripon stewards haspect at 11 am inday, Haydock at 3 pm. and Worcester at 4 pm. All courses report heavy going and at Haydock the top bend has been dolled off and the safety limit for rumers reduced. Ripon, and Worcester both have water hying an the course. Today's meetings at Hereford and Hexband.

threequarters of a length by Electric in the Great Voltigeor Stakes at York last August, but with that race under his belt he will never have a better opportunity of getting his revenge. Electric is something of an enigma. Visitors to Goodwood in Charter is well in herself, she has

still to shed her winter cost. In the circumstances, she has not been given the same training preparation that she was subjected to last spring before she finished second in the

1,000 Guineas.

This will be Simply Great's first race since she won the Mecca-Danie Stakes at York last May. The reason for that lengthy absence was a small fracture in a leg which he sustained only five days before the Derby, for which he was enterpore frequentle at only ave days believe the Derby, for which he was ante-post favourite at the time. His trainer, Henry Cecil, has been understandably cautious nursing him back to fitness and, like Time Charter, Simply Great may well need this race and more time to return to his best.

Our Newmarket Correspondent has a satelking feeling that less year's Italian Derby winner, Old Country, who is trained here by Luca Climans, will make them all go.
Penalized to the hilt for that
the man range of the country then
ran really well in the King Edward
VII Stakes at Royal Ascot when third to Open Day. However that was the last we saw of him as a three-year-old because he was sick during the second half of the season.

boasts the Austrian 2,000 Guineas and Derby among his triumphs; the St Leger runner-up, Zilos, and Mubanak of Kuwait, who won the King George V Handicap at Royal Ascot, are other runners who will help to make today's race so absorbing. Going strictly by the form of the St Leger, Zilos has the beating of Diamond Shoal at these weights. But as I mentioned earlier, Diamond Shoal has had a race this croing wheres Zilos has not, and

spring whreas Zilos has not, and that could make all the difference.

With 18 comparatively lightly-raced three-year-old fillies standing their ground overnight, the Pretty Polly Stakes looks wide open. By the Derby winer Mill Reef and out of the Oaks winner Juliette Marny, July Ray has a persiest predigner. By Jolly Bay has a peerless pedigree. By all accounts, she has been showing a lot of promise on the Beckhampton However, without any experience

However, without any experience of racing in public, she may not be able to beat another daughtr of Mill Reef, Funny Reef, on this occasion. Funny Reef is being talked of as the best fully that Fulke Johnson Houghton has had in his care since Rose Bowl. Her first effort at Newhorse. Last year's Coronation Cup Newbury 13 days ago certainly winner Easter Sun; Henricus, who augured well.

Newmarket results

2.35 (2.41) HEATHORN STAKES (3-y-ox colle: E8.03b; 1m 20 Also rare 9-2 Microse, 11 German, 14 Shy Rambler, 25 Scotely Boy (4th), 33 Hasty Firt, Seriessed, Twien (5th), 10 Filing ot Greatness, 200 Society And (5th), 12 rm. TOTE Wire 27 St. Placest 21-50, 22-30, 21-10. DF: 25.20, CSF: 220.11, M., Shouts at Newmarket, 11, 11, 12 min (3,85esc.

3.15 (3.24) 1,000 (GENEAS STAKES (5-p-c)
lifest Group I: 271,672-1m)

MA SICHE, Ist I. by KEY to The Kingdom Madge (Maldourn Al Maldourn) 9-0
F Head (5-2 lan) 1
Royal Herotre, br I. by Lyphour - My Sterra
Leone (R Sangstar), 9-0
W R Surburn (10-1) 2
Feverlige, b 1, by Fira Ridge - Feverlige (6Moler), 9-0

Also uses 10 Headel (40) 11 St Selfon 12 Molar), 9-0 P Eddery (7-2) 2 Also rare 10 Habite (4th, 11 Sid Salling, 12 Shore Line, 18 Annie Edge (2th), 20 Hametro. 25 Myra's Best, 40 Marry's Sacrus, 50 Octowia Girt, 60 Crime of Passion, Le Griga, Solmis, 100 Detroing Mag, Initian Lady: Rare Robert Stift, 500 Acours Prediction, 16 ran. 1015: Wire 21.70. Passes 21.80, 23.20, 21.50. DP: EZ770. CSP. 222.80, Mrs. C Head In France, 14, Ind. 1min 41.71 sec.

3.45 (3.53) EL CAPISTRANO STAKES (2-y-dr matchie 12,856-50) BEX LAKE, b.c. by Marshua's Dancer -Rutarina (Ars.M. Burtel) 9-0 Progen (13-8 lav) 1 Marsyrab, ch.o., by Ahomora - S44 Swellow (J. Febrar) 9-0 J. Robinson (50-1) 2

Also care 4 Tuturitate (Sirit, 8 A4 Agreed 6ath, 10 Niew, 20 Casedman, May Be This Time, Uncle Oliver, 25 Sent's Sellor (Bull), 23 Bettle Bay, Prince of Faction, 50 Dunant, 13 ran. TOTE: Wire 23.30, Places: 21.40, 27.00, 22.30, DP: 253.40, CSF: 265.82, H Cecil at Newmarket, 11/1, 21/1, 1min 02.58eec.

4,15 (4,20) BRETBY HANDICAP (\$4,012-01)

TOTE: Wir: 221.00. Places: 25.40, 23.50, 23.50. DF: 259.40. CSF: £1.45.41. Tricust: 23.69.67. G Wregg at Newmarket. 11, 11. 1mh 15.58aec.

4.50 (4.55) MARCH RANDICAP (23.889: 2m) POPSPS JOY, b g, by Hill Clown - Popel's Pride (W M Lawson) 8-9-7 Price (vf M Lawrent) 5-8-7

Red Fletd, b b, by Tudor Rhysten - Gross (1)

Orbell) 5-7-8

Lohrson (9-1) 3

Decegal Prices, b g, by Prince de Gales Sevina Rose (J McGanegie), 7-9-3

Spirk, 8 Musich (4th), 10 Big Ed., 14 Tribword Tation, 18 Major Seback (5th), 25 Charming Girl, Rhomesona Cowboy. 11 ren. TOTE: Wire 23.40. Places: 21.40, 22.00, 28.40, DF: 25.40. CSF: 225.57. Tricest: 2297.80. 44 Hayes at Epacm. 1 \(\tilde{\chi}\), 3. 3mm 33.76esc. TOTE DOUBLE: No Bierie, Master Cawston, 257.50, 7REBLE: Shearwalk, Rex Lake, Popel's Joy, 229.90, JACKPOT; Not won.

The Jockey Club have bent their rules preventing the division of sponsored races, so that the National Hunt flat race at Cheltriham next Wednesday can be split. The Amateur Riders Association, the sponsors of the race, made the request after approaches from a number of trainers, keen to run their young horses. Five trainers have agreed to reimburse the association for the £500 that the extra race will

p0 Bury Cleave 10-7 ______M Aytiffe 4 Colonel Cartis 10-7 _____C Brown 40 Gap 10-7 _____H Davies 04 Heavy Lancaster 10-7 _____J Hurst 7 Keep Saxmering 10-7

TAUNTON SELECTIONS: 8.45 March Fundança, 6.15 Koga Way, 8.45 Basy Ranger 7.15 Saspring, 7.45 Hai'a Joy, 8.15 Gap.

When Ballesteros built a record 64 out of nothing

ound which promised little after tive boles into a record-breaking 64, eight under par, to take command in the first round of the £60,000 Italian Open on the

or are zought of the leads by three strokes from Ian Mosey, Gordon Brand jur, Bernhard Langer, Juan Anglada and Wayne Westner. The defending champion, Mark James, is among a group on 68 and Sandy Lyle, winner in Madrid last week, took 69. Greg Norman finished with a 75.

Ballesterne's intention was to

Ballesteros's intention was to make immediate progress since be was starting his round on this picturesque course at the tenth. The inward nine starts with three par fours, all of which the Spaniard could drive if he chose to unleash conin drive it he chose to inhead one of his specials, and with the sixteenth also in range and two par fives, an in-form Ballesteros could be fully expected to threaten the 30

barrier.

True to form in this game, it did not quite work out that way. Ballesteros found the green at the eleventh (283 yards) with a three-wood but after that he was strangely subdued and a little out of touch. He

subdued and a little out of touch. He studied his second to the fifteenth (519 yards) for several minutes before striking a fairway wood out to the right and into a deep bunker. He took five and Bernard Gallacher, playing alongside him, managed to make a four with little difficulty. At the sixteenth (308 yards) Ballesteros employed his power to get to within four feet of the green. The pitch, however, was out of character, struck with a strange absence of authority and with the ball coming to rest 10 feet short of the hole, and so he missed the clear chance of a birdie.

He did manage a four at the long

the clear chance of a burdle.

He did manage a four at the long eighteenth but, having covered his opening nine holes in 34, it seemed time to leave him alone and take notice of how Ian Mossy and Sam Torrance were continuing after heaving played the same stretch in 31. having played the same stretch in 31

and 32 respectively.
Yet it was to be a tale of two
halves for Ballesteros. The touch
which had eluded him suddenly returned and he managed to play

course in 30 strokes. He owed much to his putter, for he holed five times from more than 10 feet as he brought his tally of birdies for the round to eight.

Rallesteros set another cours Ratesteros set anomer course record, yet many will play better this week without handing in a good score. The art of the game, however, is not how you play but how low you score. Ballesteros is a true champion because he can make something out of nothing.

He also has an extra incentive

He also has an extra incentive this week because the Italian Open remains one of the two Continental championships he has not won. I has other is the Portuguese and a victory here would benefit the Portuguese since Ballesteros would consider playing in the Open in November.

Mosey can be forgiven for thinking that he should have scored lower since he managed nine birdies and he did not have to hole a writt of

lower since he managed nine birdies and he did not have to hole a purt of more than six feet, which shows the accuracy of his play. Torrance fell away because he needed three purts at each of the last two greens.

Fortune shone on Gordon Brand jur. He holed from 40 feet for a birdie at the first and he chipped in for another at the sixth. He also

managed to bole a 78-yard wedge shot for an eagle two at the twelfth in his 67.

Balecteros (So): 87: G Brand (m., f Moss Anglatta (So), B Langer (WG), W Wes (SA):sit: S Mertin, J Bland (SA). T Horson, Lovato (r), M Jennes; St: S Lyia, M Phieso (D A Russell, S Torranos, W Humphreys, Somers (Aus), P Delberg (Swe), K Brown, Rivero (So), M King, 78: J Anderson (Carr), Curry, D Faherty, A Stubbs, J Cartis.

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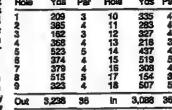


TABLE TENNIS

China hold on team titles looks secure

Tokyo (Renter) - China made a predictably powerful start when they opened their defence of the they opened their defence of the team titles at the thirty-seventh world championships here yesterday. The Chinese men trounced the United States 5-0 and beat the dosged West Germans by the same margin. The women beat the Netherlands and France, both 3-0.

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China, led by the world champion
Guo Yuchua, play Sweden today in
what promises to be one of the most
fascinating encounters of the
tournament. The Swedes had their
problems beating the United States
and if this is any indication of form
they will also fall to China. The biggest upset of the day was the defeat of the European champion Michael Appelgren, seeded No 4. He was beaten 22-20, 22-20 by Ricky Scemiller, an unseeded American. "It was unbelievable. The best win of my life," Seemiller

said afterwards.

Jan-Ove Waldner, aged 17, was Sweden's best player. He looked very impressive in defeating Eric Boggan. Waldner, who started playing table tennis at the age of three, is a calm and calculating player whose service has been transformed since a visit to Peking last year. Some experts were already imagining him in the men's singles finals against Guo, who at 27 may be slightly past his peak. Guo, a ucation teacher, can still physical education teacher, can sim-move around at remarkable speed, however, and be changes his service from low-level to a high-thrown ball with baffling skill.

Guo did not take part in the match against the United States but played twice against the West Germans, beating Georg Boehm 21-15, 21-17 and then being taken to three sets by Ralf Wosik before winning 13-21, 21-11, 21-17. China

championshins in Yugoslavia two-years ago and on current form could repeat the performance.

21-11; Chen bt M Thomas 21-7, 21-12; Yong th N Thomas 21-10, 21-10). Australia bit Scotland 5-1.

WOMEN: Category One (Group B): England bt Romanta 3-1 ft Witt text to M Above 21-17, 10-21, 15-21; L Bellinger bt O Nemes 21-17; 10-21, 15-21; L Bellinger bt O Nemes 21-17; 16-21, 21-10; L Bellinger and J Bellinger bt Nemes 21-17, 20-22, 21-18, 16-21, 21-17; With the Nemes 21-17, 20-22, 21-18, 16-21, 21-17; Shight Mehrte bat to A Leonard 15-21, 21-19, 18-21; Indu and Shalley a Salothe bt Bheehen and Leonard 21-17, 17-21, 21-18; Indu bt Leonard 21-17, 17-21, 21-18; Indu bt Leonard 21-17, 17-21, 21-18; Indu bt Leonard 21-12, 21-19; Bellinger bt E Mehrte by Electron 21-18, 21-21; L Bellinger bt E Mehrtery 21-18, 21-21; L Bellinger bt E Mehrtery 21-18, 21-21; J Bellinger and L Bellinger bt Grefberg and Makimberg 17-21, 25-23, 21-12; L Bellinger bt Grefberg 21-23, 21-14; Category Two (Group D): Ireland bt Australia: 3-1 (A Leonard bt D Melikon 23-21, 21-17; M Sheehen lost to N Bisiack and S McLintock 21-12, 13-21, 21-13; Leonard bt Bisiack 21-11, 21-13, 21-21-17; M Sheehen lost to Category Three (Group Fr Scotland 3, Thefand 1 (E Fores lost to Loysaveral Patcharia 16-21, 21-13, 18-21; C Delrymple bt Leysaveral Australia 22-19, 21-14; Fores and Delrymple bt Leysaveral Australia 22-19, 20-22, 21-18, Delrymple bt Loysaveral 23-21, 25-23.

IN BRIEF

IOC will reconsider drug rules

Lausanne (AP) - The Inter-national Olympic Committee (IOC) will study its drug-testing require-ments after the Los Angeles Olympic Games organizing com-mittee's refusal to test athletes for caffeine and testosterone at the 1984 ames. The IOC's medical comgames. The ICC's menical com-mittee have taken the Los Angeles decision back for study, and may change their policy. The Los Angeles group has said it will not make the tests unless it receives conclusive scietific evidence that they are valid.

Moter Sport: Jaguar, once the dominant name in world motor racing, return to racing in Britain this weekend at Donington Park. It this weekend at Donington Park. It is 20 years since their last involvement in motor sport, and they are looking for victory in the third round of the European touring championship decided over 160 laps of the Donington circuit. Jaguar have entered two XIS coupes, and Tom Walkinshaw and Chuck Nicholson share one drive in the Nicholson share one drive in the four-hour race. The other car is in the hands of John Fitzpatrick and Enzo Caldenari.

Barry Sheene and Kenny Roberts will be competing for a £20,000 prize when they lead their teams in the first round of the Mariboro Transatlantic Trophy at Oniton Park tomorrow. The me will be awarded if a rider can win all six of the match races between Britain and United States.

BOXING: Leroy Haley will defend the World Boxing Council (WBC) the World Boxing Council (WBC) super-lightweight championship against his fellow American, Bruce Curry, in Las Vegas on May 18. The bout will be held two days before Las Vegas stages the programme of two leavyweight championship bouts, with the WBC champion, Larry Holmes against Tim Witherspoon, and his World Boxing Association counterpart, Michael Dokes, against Mike Weaver.

YACHTING Cudmore leaves cup squad

By John Nicholis Harold Cudenore, the Irish sailor who was one of the first men to be retained by the Victory Syndicate, has left the squad now preparing for its challenge for the America's Cup in September. Peter de Savary, chairman of the syndicate, exchairman of the syndicate plained that he and Cudmore had opposing views as to the strategy requied by the challenge during the next few months and that his views

Cudmore has always appeared to be a key man among the syndicate's sailing executives and his departure is the first public indication of any differences within the camp. If he and Mr de Savary have serio differences it is obviously better for them to part company now rather than on the eve of the first race, as happened with John Oakley and the Lionheart syndicate in 1980.

The sailing executive group, which comprises Phil Crebbin, Lawrie Smith, Rodney Pattisson and Peter Bateman (coach), has now been joined by Chris Law. His designated role is mainshert trimmer, an important post but not one that one would have thought tempting to one of Britain's most skilful helmsmen.

Law is an intelligent and aggressive sailor with wide experience in dinghies, racing keelboats and offshore yachts. His known ambition has been to represent printing in the Soling class in next year's Olympic Games. Presumably he feels the loss of a season's sailing can be allowed for in his

One of two new men have joined the crew squad from which the eventual challenging crew will be selected; otherwise the personnel are those who committed themselves with the launching of the first Victory in 1982, Victory '83, the new boat built last month, has now been fitted out at Newport, Rhode

Taunton :

5.45 MOTORWAY HURDLE (Selling: £582: 2m) (17 rumners) 17 000 Light Of Zion (5) 5-11-7 N. Coleman 7
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19 040 Link Valley 5-11-7 Little T Tumper 7
13 0- Lacky Store 6-11-7 Little T Tumper 7
20 100 Tooley Alpie 6-11-7 P Croucher 7
27 03 Idean Lass 5-11-3 At Natural 7
28 3-pp Lasherne Last 5-11-3 L Bioperfield 7
29 0-pp Receiver Captain 5-11-3

8.15 PETER BLACKBIRN CHASE (No-vice handcap: £1,484; 2m 3h) (18)

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4 14u Mr Oyst 10-11-7

5 pp0 Spicker New 12-11-8

10 0p3 Double Crossing 10-11-3 — A Webb
11 0t2 tyles Fire 10-11-1 — P Nichola 4
15 p4-p Godfrey Securities 13-0-12

R House

4 Brock HS, 5 Tudox Road, 6 Beets Panger, Van Hegen. 7.15 WEDMORE CHASE (Handicap:

P Eddery G Bester B Taylor T Rogers Cauthen T hees

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18 312 Button Boy (5) 10-10-9 M Richards 4
20 OW Gay Tah (5) 10-10-9 M Richards 4
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22 300 General Rock 8-10-5 P Scutamore
24 922 Presper You Can 8-10-5 K Mooney
25 po0 Castral 10-10-5
25 00-0 Poachets Royale 8-10-2 Mr Frost 4
31 00-0 Santoes 10-10-0 Mr Bryan 4
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"I had to come to see for myself," the faithful lady Coventry supporter said. "I had seen the place on television, it looked such a splendid park." "Well," my neighbour whis-pered, "she wouldn't travel all that way expecting to see some rugby here, would she?"

It is a kind of jibe, good-humoured mostly, which the Pontypool supporters are accustomed to hearing of their team. They are now so immune that they are quite fond of telling such stories against themselves. If the ball reaches the stand-off half they reckon that a passing movement is deemed to have taken place, and if the ball goes any farther they would have to reconsider whether to renew their season tickets or not. Such is their respect for local

The beauty and graciousness of the park is an incongruous setting for a style of play with few subtleties. When the sun shone the other day and the men sat, shirt-sleeved and colourful, on the slopes, Richard Sharp was moved to remember those occasional Sunday matches he used to play in Dorking. The comparison with genteel Surrey, I presume, ended once the teams took the field as Pontypool, though not at their best, proceeded to take Coventry ruthlessly apart.

The park, once the possession of the Hanbury family, is now under the jurisdiction of the Torfaen district council. But the acre of so in the middle belongs, at least in spirit, to one man: Ray Prosser. Remarkably for a rugby coach, he is identified with the whole town much as Bill Shankly was with Liverpool, and has developed with singular vision a brand of rugby which is synonymous with his

It is based on a furious forward commitment which is awcsome in power and seifless dedication. It is down and combative and supremely efficient in gaining and keeping possession. It is so strenuously aggressive that it is often mistaken for violent intention. If in the early days Pontypool were thought to have over-stepped the mark of what is acceptable within the game -London Weish and Swansea discontinued fixtures - the legacy of that reputation, much of it unjust nowadays, has been frequently the aggressors. As in the Wild West, someone, somewhere, still feels the need to test the old gunslinger



Ray Prosser (left) and a great Pontypool and Wales forward of recent years, Terry Cobner

to think twice and more whether he could find it in himself to go to New Zealand with the Lions in 1959. He did so only with the proviso that he could telephone home every week to speak to his family. Despite his conventional image, he is a sensitive and compassionate man.

His wife, to whom he was utterly devoted and whom he had cared for through several years of terminal illness, died a month ago. This will leave an unbridgable gap in his life. With distressing irony, the tradedy came at the moment of his greatest rugby triumph in that at last Pontypool had realized heir ambition. Now, at 55, and after 13 years of coaching. Prosser has taken his club to the Welsh Cup final.

So many teams are so alike these days that there is scarcely any way of differentiating between the mediocre. By force of personality Prosser has created a distictive style which, whether the purists would agree or not, is successful.

What is undisputed also is that, although on the periphery, he has played an influential role in the national team's success. He had never attended a Welsh coaching course and although attempts have been made to persuade him into the official fold, he has remained a maverick, outside the system.

Throughout the seventies four members of his team - the Prosser was capped 22 times Pontypool front row and Terry as a prop for Wales. Essentially Cobner – formed half of the

BOXING

Patterson's turn to

be taught his job

Among the many words spoken at United States circuit.

a man of the valleys he is a Welsh pack. This year an reluctant traveller and even had unprecedented five players to think twice and more represented Wales in the pack. Apart from Squire, who originally played for Newport, all of them are home-grown talent shaped by him.

Such is their command of possession in every phase that the opposition invariably have to live on a diet which is positively anorexic in its econ-omy. What Pontypool do they do efficiently, without compromise or apology. If comments about their style are often derogatory, it should be borne in mind that rugby should have no limits to its appeal. It is up to the other teams to prove that a different style might be better. Swansea will have the opportunity tomorrow to see whether theybave it in them to overcome Prosser's inimitable style.

Gerald Davies

Referees taking **European finals**

The first leg of the UEFA Cup final between Anderlecht and Benfica, on May 4, will be referred by Rogdan Dotschev, of Bulgaria; with Charles Corvet, of the Netherlands officiating in the return leg in Lisbon on May 18. Granfiranco Menegali, of Italy, will control the Cup Winners' Cup final between Real Madrid and Aberdeen in Gothenburg on May 11. The in Gothenburg on May 11. The European Cup final in Athens on May 25 between Juventus and Hamburg will be handled by Nicolae Rainer, of Romania.

SQUASH RACKETS

Frenchmen serve up big money

By Richard Eaton

Among the many words spoken at yesterday's press function for the Wembley boxing promotion on Tucsday it was curious that not one was exchanged between Scott Ledoux, who meets Frank Bruno, and his distinguished fellow American, Floyd Patterson. It was only afterwards that Ledoux admitted he was unhappy about the presence of the former world heavyweight thampion as Bruno's fireshly hired tactical adviser.

United States circuit.

Aged 34 and, he says, a dollar millionaire from property investments, he acknowledges that he is approaching the end of that rocky road; indeed, his Wembley engagement could be the final lay-by. "Whatever the result I'm considering retirement. The time to leave is coming because while the ability is still there, the desire isn't."

Before his departme, though, he is optimistic of giving the unheaten A sponsorship of a quarter of a million pounds over three years has been made available by the company, Guy La Roche, beginning with the French Open champion ships from May 10 to 15. After las champion as Bruno's nessury
tactical adviser.

"The guy's supposed to be chairman of the New York Boxing
Commission, for Chrissake", the man from Minneapolis growled.
"His job is to protect the interests of all lighters, not to be committed to one. He should be above that sort of thing, It's not his job."

"I've met a few up-and-comers in my time. I don't know too much about Bruno except that none of his opponents have been in boxing's Who's Who. But I guess there's not much he can show me that I haven't seen before. Let's see what happens

ships from May 10 to 15. After last week's announcement of a £200,000 grand prix circuit with major changes in ball, court, and scoring, this is the second piece of unexpectedly optimistic news squash has had in quick succession.

Comparisons with the revolutionary World Championship Squash circuit are relevant, because the French Open will be the first tournament to use a white ball, which in theory should assist television, spectators and players to television, spectators and players to

television, speciators and players to see better. It will also be played on the first court with a blue floor and four glass walls, which will be erected in the Winter Circus in Paris, and have a seating capacity of 2,000.

The introduction of these changes

one. He should be above that sort of thing. It's not his job."

Ledoux, whose permanently purple-shadowed eyes and Big Dipper nose bear the classical hallmarks of a ring-worn veteran of his trade, is known in boxing for speaking his mind. It was he who caused a Orand Jury investigation into the allegedly monopolistic practices of the leading promoter, Don King, and he pulls no punches when talking of the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, Larry Holmes. "He doesn't hit too hard but he has excellent thumbs."

Holmes was one of five world.

Who's Who. But I guess there's not seen before. Let's see what happens when I hit him on the chin."

Nodding his approval in the background was another well-seaded American, Bobby (Boogaloo) Watts, who share top billing against the British middleweight. Tony Sibson, Like Sibson, Watts has endured a brutal beating by Marvin Hagler, but he also has the distinction of outscoring the world's most fiercesome fighter in their earlier days. He might give Sibson a shade more trouble than he needs." The introduction of these changes reflects the rapid development of the game in France. There were 15,000 players in 1980; last year there were 50,000, and the French Squash Rackets Association's projection for 1985 is 150,000 players with 1,200 courts. This year's prizemoney of £27,000 means that a grade one tournament in France with all the world's leading players is, for the first time, guaranteed. @ Roberto Castanon, of Spain, will Roberto Castanon, of Spain, will need all his skill and artistry when he defends his European junior-lightweight title against a hard-hitting Frenchman, Michel Siracusa, at Aix-en-Provence tonight. Castanon has been champion for the last six TORIONTIC: Meanine Cuzz Jahranger (Man (Paul) bt Stunff (Man) (Darl), 16–18, 15–8, 15–4, 15–9. M Sanzchez (Man) bt Hickyat Jahran (Paul) 15–10, 15–11, 15–10. P Kenyon (GSR) b D Williams (Aust), 15–11, 17–15, 8–16, 15–11, 14 M Myer (US) bt S Bowditch (WG), 15–10, 12–15, 10–15, 15–13, 15–10.

STUDENT SPORT

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Samy, not only train on their own, but find that, in competition, they must create their own atmosphere. It can be a lonely and at times punishing sport.

Eritish women's athletics is still

Holmes was one of five world champions encountered by Ledoux

in a 17-year, 47-bout career that has

taken him from such high spots as Las Vegas and Madison Square

Garden to, more recently, less auspicious venues in Sioux Falls, Fargo and Casper, Wyoming, known as "tank towns" on the

in the thadow of such show-stealers as Steve Ovett and Daley Thompson, and in the past men and was struck by a jack-knifing but it was assumed that women lorry. Both arms, her jaw and could not handle the same kind of craining programmes. Fortunately the programmes. Fortunately the programmes. the success of the marathon rupner, Greta Waitz, and many women athletes, has shown that this attitude athletes, has shown that this attitude For the next six weeks she trained is outdated. But British women still daily, with her arms still in plaster.

and 30 of 100 metres, its still in a stage of embryonic development in this speed, and 30 of 100 metres at three speed. For strength, she does to fitness, and a further reason why said: "If she is to qualify for the World Student Games (selection is on May 29) she has only two improvement of 3,000 characteristics."

Away from Crystal Palace and Gateshead, athletics has not yet become a heavily-supported spectator sport. Athletes like the Bath university sports scholar, Marina Samy, not only train on their own, the other is in a samy, not only train on their own, at the United Kingdom at the United Kingdom at Safford University, Miss Samy, not only train on their own, at the United Kingdom at Safford University, Miss Samy, not only train on their own, at the United Kingdom at Safford University, Miss Samy, not only train on their own, at the United Kingdom at the United Kingdom at the United Kingdom at the University at the Unive women's championships Edinburgh."

> year, she would have received invitations to run in Japan and Israel. Like many women athletes, she badly needs competition. But operations and two weeks later she
> was back at Bath asking to borrow
> the exercise bycicle over Christmas.

15 Outdated. But issues women suit take sufficient exposure to the training methodology of Cram and Coe.

Miss Samy's main event, the 3.000 metres, is still in a stage of combattyonic development in this country. But her coach Cv Knibb are concentrated to improving Miss Samy's endurance, suppleness, speed and strength. Her weekly milage has been increased sister. Shireen, in world relay championships in Japan last month. However, she is now fully restored to finest and a further reason when

gdom In physiological tests carried out at Salford University, Miss Samy, who is 5ft 1m and weighs 6st 10 lb, If she had established herself last was shown to have a similar year, she would have received potential to the world's leading invitations to run in Japan and middle-distance runners. These results have given her renewed

Her sports scholarship has given her more. She said: "I was initially surprised to have been awarded it. There were so many other contenders. Now I have time to train twice a day, and financial support from Office Cleaning Services has enabled me to buy kit, and has also helped in my race

Despite talk of new ground being broken in the lettings market as rents climb to record levels, Richard Saunders & Partners City

floorspace survey indicates an entirely different picture. During March just over 200,000 sq ft of office accommodation was either let or came under offer in the City while the amount of vacant space at 3,380,178 sq ft is the highest since

There is little evidence to suggest that the Confederation of British

Industry's belief of an improved

economy is reflected in the property

market. Quite the opposite, in fact, as the market's barometer - City offices - continues to look de-

pressed and the short-term forecast

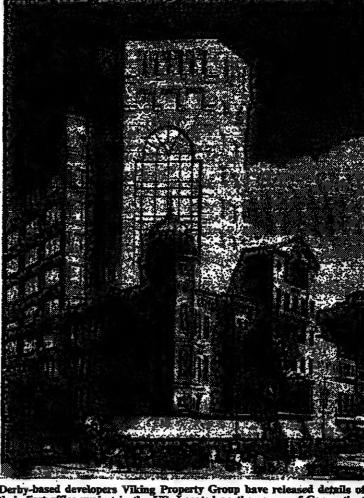
In the City fringes empty office buildings now total 4,875,324 sq ft after a month's lettings of 182,490 sq ft. Prospective tenants looking at the City market, in its broadest sense, can now choose from more than eight million sq ft of commercial buildings.

Of course these figures do no include the grandiose office schemes proposed just south of the river within the SEI postal district. If built they will probably add a further three to four million sq ft to

Estate agents and developers, naturally, adopt a far more positive attitude to the oversupply than a casual observer might. The RS&P figures indicate a stock which at present take-up levels is only one and a half years' supply in the City fringes, apart from any new developments which may come on stream within that period.

Demand is clearly high for the central, well-defined banking and central, well-defined banking and insurance areas of the City where very little is available for letting. Of the three main buildings let last month, the 38,735 sq ft at Milk Street and 31,000 sq ft at Cliffords Inn, are clearly less than prime. These buildings alone accounted for the City's stream during half the City's take-up during March,

Clearly there is growing disen-chantment with the City market and its fringes. Lysander Estates' decision to pull out of the massive £200m Surrey Docks development and allow the London Docklands Development Corporation to sell



Derby-based developers Viking Property Group have released details of their first office project in the US. Located on the corner of Connecticut Avenue and M Street in Washington DC, the project includes restoration and refurbishment of one of the few remaining Victorian houses built in the city. Viking propose to develop 133,440 sq ft of new offices behind the house, together with some retail space at street level. Weatherall Green & Smith are acting for Viking.

the site piecemeal, probably to housebuilders and industrial build-ers, underlines the investors' view, Closer to the City, insurance giant Legal & General has decided to sell its 87,000 sq ft office building in Finsbury Square. The building is in a part of the City which has found little favour among tenants for two or three years, at one time it was estimated that around Finsbury Square and Finsbury Pavement as

much as a million sq ft of offices were available to let.
Legal & General's building was

once leased to the Iranian oil Services but has been vacant since the Government decided to wind up the company's activities. Richard Ellis and Weatherall Green & Smith, the agents, are to offer the freehold for sale at £1 [m.

The insurance group says it is prepared to grant a new 25-year

Disenchantment with the City lease on the eight-floor building at a rent of less than £10 a sq ft. That may be optimistic in the present market an owner-occupier may be

more likely than a tenant.

The City has gone extremely flat despite the speculation surrounding Atlas House on Cheapside, reportedly being leased at a rent over the £32.12 a sq ft level established in

Bishopsgate last summer. Future expansion and growth in lettings may depend on the outcome of the long-awaited general election. But at the heart of the problem is the simple fact that commerce and industry are not expanding. It did look for some time as if the City was recession proof, it clearly is not.

● A rent of £13 a sq ft is being sought for the Ripley-based group's new 48,700 sq ft office development in Staines. Now under construction, the scheme is being undertaken in conjunction with Clerical Medical and General Life Assurance.

The first phase of the £11m project is nearing completion. The smaller of two self-contained office buildings, covering 16,600 sq ft, will be ready for occupation at the end of May and the other 32,100 sq ft block in June.

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A key feature of the development, which is only 10 minutes drive from Heathrow airport, is the 300 parking spaces available. Sole letting agents are Weatherall Green & Smith.

Plans for a major £35m Birmingham city centre develop-ment look set to go ahead following government approval of urban development grant aid for the new Penta hotel.

Discussions have been under way for almost two years between the city council and Henry Boot Project about a proposal to develop 181,000 sq ft of offices at Paradisc Circus alongside the new hotel. Henry Boot will build four self-contained office buildings in the heart of the city centre.

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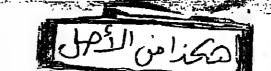
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It is seven months since it was launched at the Paris motor show as the Opel Corsa. Now that the union dispute has been resolved Vauxhall is joining the barde in the small car class for the first time. The car itself follows the well-established pattern of a tranverse engine driving the front wheels with three power options, 1 litre, 1.2 and

It is an adequate performer without being particularly exciting. But it does have one considerable advantage. It is the only car in its class being offered in saloon form. Weber 32TL carburettor, higher as well as the universally popular compression ratio and a modified hatchback. More important, the camshaft. Nova's boot is not just a nominal protrusion offering the greater security of a boot lid instead of the more vninerable shelf-covered space of a hatchback. At 15.3 cubic ect it is positively voluminous and t has a low sill for easy loading. The saloon version of its big brother, the Cavalier, has one of the best boots in its class and is still

only 3 cubic feet bigger.

Prices for the Nova rage from £3,495 for the 1 litre to £4,273 for the 1.2 litre, three-door hatchback.
The price for the 1.3 SR will not be announced until July, because of that model's delayed appearance in

Families who in the past have had to stretch their budgets to buy a larger car simply for the boot space will find the Nova saloon offers a much less expensive alternative. There are about 30 variations of the Nova design but Vauxhall have sensibly opted to import only five: a litre and 1.2 litre in batch and saloon form, and the more sporty 1.3 SR. All have a four-speed

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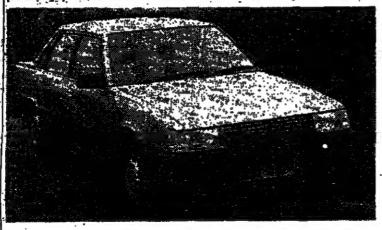
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Vauxhall Nova, General mph while the SR just tops 103

Vauxhall plan to sell 27,000 about 50,000 in 1984. Executives publicity. A union threat to ban its admit privately that both figures probably err on the side of caution. No sense in stirring up more trouble with the unions or the strong lobby in the House of Commons which would like to see curbs placed on Spanish car imports until the Spaniards open their protected home market 10 reciprocal exports from Britain.

In necessarily brief drives in Germany and here at home I had reservations about the noise level and what appears to over-gearing in the endless quest for better fuel economy. This is particularly noticeable in the 1 litre engine which last appeared in the old Opel Kadett and has now been given a facelist with the recently developed

New Tovota at a bargain price.

Toyota's all-new Camry 1.8 litre saloon went on sale in Britain last week accompanied by the biggest roll on the publicity drum yet sounded by Toyota UK. The first transverse-engined, front-wheel drive car from the Japanese giant would "lay to rest all the old canards about Japanese cars being slow, dated, over-ornate and have poor handling and roadholding".

At £5,782 it is competitively priced, a bargain by several hundred pounds, but a bargain with limitations which must be accepted before you buy it and not live to regret afterwards.

But let me start with the good things. The obvious contender for pride of place is the new oho aluminium engine, which is in line with the latest trend in engine design. Most manufacturers are rushing through power units with considerable increased low-speed pulling. The prize is obvious; lower revs plus higher gear ratios spell better fuel consumption.



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to produce 90 per cent of its torque from only 2000 rpm and after an extended test I have no reason to doubt that claim. The engine starts immediately on its automatic choke and settles quickly into a compara-tively slow but reliable tickover. Ever since I drove my first Toyota with a five-speed gearbox I have had high regard for the accuracy and easy operation of its change mechanism. Allied to the new engine it makes for very relaxed driving indeed.

Initial reservations about the cable-operated change mechanism proved groundless and show just

VITAL STATISTICS Model: Carrry 1.8 saloon Price: £5,782 ine: 1832cc Performance: Max speed 110 mgh, 0-60 mgh

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how much the whole art of linking controls has progressed since the pioneering days of the Maxi's dreadful five-speed, cable-operated

On the road the Camry is happy with gear changes made at under 2000 rpm and pulls away as enthusiastically as other cars using twice as many revs. In fact, within a couple of days I was changing direct from third to fifth to take full advantage of its slogging ability. Older drivers will recall cars of their youth with similar traits when engines had the same long-stroke layout as the new Toyota.

The result is a very long-legged, frugal car which in my hands returned about 35 mpg. On the subject of fuel I must commend the gauge layout. When the needle on the standard gauge reaches one quarter full a second instrument takes over from a quarter to empty. By using a big scale for this the almost discernible movement of the needle deeps you constantly alert to

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particularly irksome. The Camry has all the problems of a heavy transverse engine mounted over the front wheels. It is a chronic understeerer which has often to be haulted round corners to the sound of the tyres "scrubbing off". Slow speed manoeuvering is a

tiring business. Toyota tell me they have no intention of offering power think they may well regret it.

Despite the use of rack and pinion steering there is also some vagueness about its straight line steering at speed. Together with an unacceptable level of wind noise it imparts a feeling of edginess which is all the more noticeable because of the engine's effortless high-speed capability. At 70 mph it is still turning over at less than 3000 rpm.

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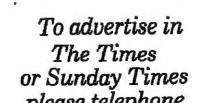
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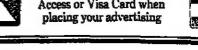
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**EDIGATE. — On April 28, peacefully all nome. Harry, much beforen husband of Pairicia, father of Jacqueline (Roskin), grandfather of Caby & Timothy. Fumeral has taken place.

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6.30 Breakfast Time: Selina Scott and Nick Ross are the presenters. Items include news at 5.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30: regional news at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; Today's papers at 7.32 and 8.32; Breakfast Time doctor (Detween 6.45 and 7.00), Keep Fit (6.45-7.00), Tonight's TV (7.15-7.30), Gardening 7.30-7.45) and Food and Cooking (8.45-9.00).

9.25 For Schools, Colleges: Higher Education; 9.52 Sex Education; 10.15 Home Economics: 11.00 Capricom Game, part 1; 11.19 Hyn o Fyd; 11.40 Life and Social Skills.

12.30 News After Noon: 12.57 Financial Report. And subtitled news headlines.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One: The lunchtime music and chat Seabrook's regular gardening spot, Dig This; 1.45 Postman Pat (r); 2.02 For Schools,

3.00 Sir Frank Whittle: Jet Pioneer. A film about the man who made the conventional method of aircraft propulsion obsolets 42 years ago (r).

3.55 Play School: Barbara Mitcheinill's story The Very Old Black Kettle (on BBC 2, at 11.00 am); 4.20 The New Tony Boncza and Roy Kinnear

5.10 Breskthrough: John Craven tells the story of Joseph Lister who, 120 years ago, ploneered "clean" surgery in London

5.40 News: with Jan Learning; 6.00 South East at Sbc 6.22 Desmond Lynam with Sportswide at 6.45.

7.00 Comedy Classic: The Good Life. The Goods (Richard Briers, Felicity Kendal) are far less good at setting their garden produce than they are at growing it. With Penelope Keith and Paul Eddington as the adjoining Leadbeatter's (r).

7.30 Odd One Out: Quiz show, conducted by Paul Daniels.

8.00 The Time of Your Life: The comedy actress frene Handi recalls the day in 1937 when she first took to the stage - as a maid. Other time travellers in the show, hosted by Noel Edmonds, are Barbara Cardand, Leslie Mitchell, and the Tiny Winters Bend.

8.30 Are You seing served? Department store fun. The finger of suspicion points at Mr Humphries (John Inman) when cash goes missing from

9.00 A Party Political Broadcasts by the Liberal Party; 9.10 News: with Michael Buerk.

9.35 Cagney and Lacy: A friend of the two policemen, once a victim of a rape, is forced to relive her courtroom ordeal.

10.25 Isles Apart: The Channel Islands. A wildlife film. With Andrew Cooper; 10.55 News.

11.00 Film: Queimadal (1968) Prama, with Marlon Brando as a British agent provocatour who is sent out to a Carlibbean island to destroy the rebel leader he created 10 years previously. With Evaristo Marquez, Renato Salvatori. Directed by Gillo Pontscorvo.

Tv-am 6.00 Daybreak, followed at 6.30 by Good Morning Britain, ented by Lynda Berry and Nick Owen, Items include news at 6.09, 6.15, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 and 9.11; Sport at 8.40 and 7.30: Sport at surtrand russ, Morning papers at 6.33 and 8.33; TV spot at 7.50; guest calabrity (Alec McCowen) at celebrity (Alec McCowen) at 8.20; money item at 8.48 and cookery spot (with Michael Barry) at 9.05; Closedown at

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9.30 For Schools: Bristol; 9.55 Dragonflies; 10.15 Homes and families; 10:35 Everyday French; 10:58 Social education and growing up: 11.15 Yorkshire sheep farm; 11.32 Boats and boating: 11.44

Topper's Tales; with the late Julian Orchard (r); 12.10 Rainbow; pirates (also at 4.00); 12.30 Writers on Writing: Richard Hoggart interviews playwright Peter Nicholas (Poppy: Privates on Parade, The National Health

News; 1.20 Thames area News; 1.30 About Britain: The Best of Spirits. A film about the followers of "psycho-expansion", who balleve they can project themselves back into history or forwards into

the future. A Plus: Ralph Nader, the American champion of consumers' rights, is Interviewed, And North-

being tested for lead levels in their blood. 2.30 Racing from Newmarket: We see the 2.35, 3.05 and 3.35. 4.00 Children's ITV; Rainbow (r); 4.20 Dangermouse: episode of the serial; 4.25 Animals in

Action: Treasure Islands. Another of Keith Shackleton's wildlife films; 4.50 Freetime: An amateur theatre group in Middlesborough; the new Balham band called Curlew; and advice for budgerigar OWNERS. Make Me Laugh: Chuckle-

Talsing contest. With Bernle Winters, Mathew Kelly. • . 5.45 News; 6.00 The 6 o'Clock Show: with Michael Aspel and Janet Street-Porter.

7.00 Family Fortunes: The Merseyside versus the vans from Wedmore. With Bob Monkhouse. 7.30 Space Women: (See Choice).

8.30 Hallelujehi New comedy: series about the Salvat Army, starring Thora Hird as over over-zealous captain who is thought to be ready for ratirement. On the agenda tonight: the reconversion of a local bings half to a Salvation

9.00 Death of an Expert Witness: Episode 4 of this Robin Chapman dramatization of the PD James murder story. The secret of the murdered Lorrimer's love affair wi Comenica Howarth is out. With the Yard, Also starring Barry Foster and Meg Davies (as

Domenica). 10.00 Party Political Broadcast: by the Liberal Party. 18.10 News from ITN.

10.40 The London Programme: Sir Kerneth Newman, the Metropolitan Commissioner of Police, has given notice that he plans to beat London's burgiars. He appears in tonight's programme to discuss his chances of

Shoot Pooli the second match in the John Bull Bitter London Pool Championships. Playing tonight are "Whirtwind" Alex Shennan and Charlie Nolan. 12.25 Close: with Barbara Leigh-

Joe Martin and Frances Tometty: BBC2, 9.30pm.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University (until 8.10).
Maths Method: forecasting:
5.30 Ocean Crust; 5.55 Canal
and Harbour Modelling; 7.20
Language Development; 7.45
Evolution of Fishes.

11.00 Play School: (See BBC 1, at 3.55).

11.25 World Smooker: More semi-final action in the Embassy

BBC 2.

World Professional
Championship. From the
Crucible Theatre in Sheffield.
Further coverage tonight at

7.20, 10.25 and 12.30 all on

University film (the first in a short series of four) about the 1976 Labour and Conservative

5.10 TV and Politics: Sritain. Open

party conferences hald in Blackpool and Brighton

5.36 Weekend Outlook: What is in

5.40 The Falcon's Brother (1942) Modestly made thriller with real-life brothers George

Sanders and Tom Cor

6.50 Machur Jaffrey's Inches

Name, with sub-titles.

7.20 World Snooker: The frame of

7.50 Did You See . . .? Bill Forsyth, the film director, Flosie Thomas, the novelist, and

Alexal Sayle comment on Triangle (BBC 1), Glasgow (BBC 2) and Partly Satirical

Broisdeast (Channel 4) and

Nick Ross comments on the tricks of the trade on TV. In the

Gardeners' World: How to get

the best out of dahles; taking cuttings from confers and

shrubs; planting tomatoes and

900 Entertainment USA: Jonethan

entertalizment scene in New

Orleans. He interviews Fats

Domino and the American

series, set in England and the United States between 1943 and 1981, about the marriage

and 1961, about the harrings between a black American Gl and an English glrt. Starting Frances Tometty, Tim : Woodward, and Joe Martin. A BBC/WNET New York co-

King reports on the

9.30 The File on Jill Hetch: Part

production (see Choice). 10.25 World Snooker: More

11.00 Newsnight.

coverage of the Embassy Championship (also at 12.30). 10.50 A Purty Political Broadcast: by the Liberal Party.

11.50 The Old Grey Whistle Test: with Spandau Ballet and

12.30 World Snooker: Final visit of the day to Sheffleld, Ends at 1.30 am.

London Wainwright, Also an interview with Meat Loaf.

cucumbers.

group Kiss. . -

movie brothers involved in a

plot to assassinate a South American diplomat. Also

starring Jane Randolph; 6.46 Cartoon: Gallery.

Cookery: Masoor Dal (r); 7.15

the day in the Embassy Professional Championship semi-finals in Sheffield (more at 10.25 and 12.30).

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SPACE WOMEN (ITV, 7.30 pm) documents the crumbling of yet exclusiveness. The Russians put a woman in space many moons ago. This year, the Americans hope to follow suft, the lady destined for a place in the history books being Sally Ride, Given the nature of her trail-blazing exploit, it is a name that could hardly be improved on. One of who provide the subject matter in tonight's equal opportunities film,

has an equally apt name, Sharron Lucid, in her rapidly-delivered statement of confidence in her ability to keep her and up in a man's extra-terrestrial world, she says that taking a ride in the space shuttle will be no worse than driving down the Houston freeway. One of the less

CHANNEL 4

on with Arres Schor and

session with Anna Scher and her north London school of young actors who tonight improvise on the thâms of dealing with animais after Miss Scher has recited a sad poem

and the Appolinaires, including video review and

5.15 Acting with Anne: Another

5.30 Countdown: Words and numbers game. With Richard Whiteley and Kenneth

Herts. 7.00 Channel Four News.

8.00 What a Picture! John

7.30 The Friday Alternative: Tonight's edition includes

items on murder and the

media (why the Press and television cover some stories

and ignore others); on the cruelty to horses in the Grand National; and an examination

of the link between the car industry disputes at Cowley and Hailwood.

Hedgecoe's photography course, for beginners and for the more advanced. Tonight,

arrangements in a studio.

CHOICE technical aspects of Space Women is what happens when husband and wife both estronauts, are rocketed into space together. The film assures us that this is bound to happen, eventually. Marriages can survive in stressful environments on Earth, one astronaut-husband says. confident that "It will all work out" in space, too. But if it does not, there seems little opportunity several miles up for either spouse to storm out, threatening to go back to mother. Not omitted from the film is the question that crosses many a lay mind when astronauts are discussed; it is even more intriguing when the company is mixed. What about bodily functions, and the need for privacy? Space Women poses

the question, and answers it, too. ● Technically, the first instalment of THE FILE ON JILL HATCH (BBC 2, 9.30 pm) is in the cinema movie class: Dramatically, it is not always as banal as the sequence in which white West Country wife and black Alahama husband stroll across Clifton suspension bridge and, in a brave show of integration, dovetail their singing of Rule Britannia, and America, America, Radio highlight: Graham Green's ingenious two-hander YES AND NO

(Radio 3, 7.05 pm) has Clive Francis as the overbearing stage director and Alex Jennings as the haplass cutes of radio time most

7.20 Pick of the Week. Program

9.05 Desart Island Discs: Max Boyce,

6.00 Switch: Pop music show, with Tears for Fears, Heavan 17, Marc Issue's regular location report. Live from Bushey in

11.03 On the Holid.
12.00 News.
12.02 You and Yours.
12.02 You said Yours.
12.03 My Music 1. 12.55 Weather;
Travel Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.00 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping
Forecast.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour. From Bangor,
north Walse, figure include the

2.02 Woman's Hour. From Bangor, north Wales, flems include the story of the Ladies of Llangollen (they sloped with each other), and episode four of The London Embassy.

3.00 News.

3.02 The Moonstone by Wikie Collins, drematised for radio in six parts by Brian Goar (1) †

4.00 News.

the more advantage, to regist, he uses light to "peint" pictures of the gardens of a châtsau in Normandy and a wedding in an English country church. Plus still-life 8.30 Jazz on Four: Lignel Hampton and his band entertain at last year's Capital Jazz Festival at Knebworth Park. 9.38 Capatick Capers: Another of Northern entertainer Tony Capatick's comedy and music

dancer Will Gaines. 10.00 Cheers: Comedy series set in an American saloon ber. There is a row after Diane (Shelley Long) falls to be impressed by a customer's stories of his exploits as a spy in the Second World War.

shows. The guest star is Dave Berry. With Earl Okin and tap

10.30 Kill or Cure? First in a new series of medical tarles which concentrate on the side effects caused by prescribed drugs. Tonight's film is about disease of the nervous ave optic neuropethy) which is caused by drugs that include Entero-Violonii, once recommended for stomach troubles while holidaying abroad. Joan Shenton is the presenter. She is medical

11.15 Film: The Big Clock (1947"). Thriller, atmospherically directed by John Farrow, with Charles Laughton as a publishing tycoon who, after murdering his mistress, instructs his own organization to track down the one key witness who could reveal his guitt. With Ray Milland as a magazine editor, Maureen O'Sullivan and George Macready. Ends at 12.55.

Radio 4

8.00 News Briefing.
8.10 Farming Today, 8.25 Shipping Forecast.
8.30 Today, including 8.45 Prayer for the Day, 8.55, 7.55 Weather.
7.00, 8.00 oday a News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.30, 8.38 News Headlines. 7.45 Thought for the Day, 8.35 Yesterday in Perisonent: 8.50 Your Letters.
8.57 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News.

10.00 News.
10.02 International Assignment.
10.30 Morning Story "Imagination" by
Jill Norris.
10.45 Daily Service t.
11.00 News; Travel.
11.03 On the Road.
12.00 News.

4.00 News. 4.02 Just After Four. 4.10 Your Move or Mine? 4.40 The Way the Normans Rode (5): Picton to Penwoke.

5.00 News magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather: Programme News. 6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report. 6.30 Going Places. The world of sravel and transport. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers.

actor who says nothing except the two words in the title. It is how he say them that matters. This is 25 entertainingly filled.

highlights.†
8.16 Profile. A person portrait. 8.16 Profile. A person portrait.
8.30 Any Questions? From Abergole in north Wates. The panel tonight consists of the author Russell Braddon, Lady Platt (who, on May 1, takes up her new post as chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission), author and playwright Alun Richards, and Daffyd Wigley, the Plaid Cymru MP for Caernamon.

9.15 Latter from America by Alistair Cooks.
9.30 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine.
9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight: News.

9.55 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight: News.
10.35 Week Ending. A sathrical review of the week's news.!
11.00 A book at Bedkine "The Road to Oxiena" by Robert Byron (last of ten parts).
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.



Lady Platt: Any Questions? (Radio 4, 8.30 pm)

11.45 John Ebdon in the BBC Sound 12.09 News; Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast; Inshore Forecast.
EHGLAHO: VHF with above

except, 6.25-6.30 Weather, Travel, 9.05-10.45 For Sch Travel 9.05-10.45 For Schools: 11.00 Nusic Workshop. 11.30 Listen with Mother (new series). 11.40-12.00 For Schools: Country Dancing Stage II. 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.00-3.06 For Schools. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.80-12.00 Study on 4: 11.90 Euromagazine 11.30 Broadside On.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert, Smetana,
Krommer, Janacek;
records.18.00 News, 8.05
Morning Concert (continued)
Sibelius, Bach, Lassus,
Palestrina, Mozatt, records. Palestrina, Mozart, records

Palestrina, Mozart; recorde.

9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composers Falia and his Contamporaries:
Tarrege, Halfiter, Falia; records.†

19.00 La Raphaele, Chamber music by Buctanude, Bach, Telemann.†

10.35 The young Schubert, records.†

11.20 Songs by Britten. Purcell and Tippett.†

12.10 BBC Weish Symphony Orchestra, Part 1: Mathias, Beethoven. We hear Mathias's Divertimento, Op 7, and Beethoven's Symphony No 8.1

Beethoven's Symphony No 8.1
1.05 News.
1.05 Six Continents.
1.20 BBC Welsh S.O., Part 2: Delius,
Elgar, We hear Delius's Walk to
the Paradise Garden and the
Elgar Cello Concerno (played by
Morry Welsh).
2.05 Four Spenish Musicians,

200 Four spenish Muscaris, Victoris de los Angeles, f 3.09 The British Symphony, Hamilton Harty-The Irish Symphony; Record, f 4.00 Choral Evensong from Paisley

Abbey.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
6.30 Muslc for Guitar, Recital by Segovia: Sor, Bach, Falla, Ponce, Turina; records.†
7.05 Yes and No. A theatrical frequent by Graham Grean fragment by Graham Greene. 7.30 Voices and Horns, direct from

the Broadcasting Centre, Birmingham, Part 1: Britten, Tippett.† 8.10 Wise Men and Fools, Robin 8.10 Wise Men and Fools. Robht Hodgkin on the teacher-pupil relationship.
8.30 Voices and Home, Part 2: Schumann, Schubert.†
9.20 Russian Piano Music, Stravinsky, Prokotlev.†
10.90 Signs of Glory. Reflections on modern Spanish poetry by Alastair Klimarnock, with readings in Castilian, Catalian and English.
10.30 Burkhard and Martin, Concert on records.

11.15 News. VISF only - Open University: 6.15 to 6.55. And 11.20 pm to 12.20 em.

Radio 2

5.80 Ray Mooret 7.39 Terry Wogant 10.80 Alan Whilekert 12.90 Music While You Workt 12.90 Gloria Humiford including 2.02 Sports Deskt 2.30 A Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Party. 2.35 Ed Stowart Including 3.02 Sports Deskt 6.00 John Dunn including 6.45 Sports Deskt 6.00 John Dunn including 6.45 Sport and Classified Resultat 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night direct from the Fairfield Hell, Craydon 8.29.8.40 Intervalt 9.30 Comediennest 9.57 Sports Deskt. 10.00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket. 10.30 Russell Davis presents Round Midnight, Stereo from midnight). 1.90 Night Owlst 2.00-6.90 Liz Allen presents You and the Night and the Music.

Radio 1

8.00 Adrian John with The Early Show.
7.00 Mike Smith, including 12.30
Newsbast 2.00 Simon Bates.
11.30 Mike Smith, including 12.30
Newsbast 2.00 Steve Wright, 4.30
Pater Powell's Select-A-Disc. 5.30
Newsbast 5.45 Roundtable. 7.00 Andy
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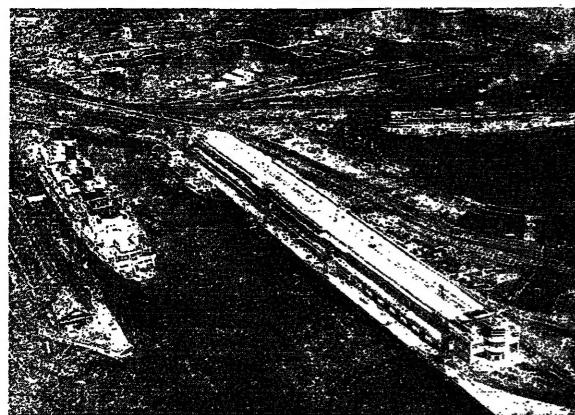
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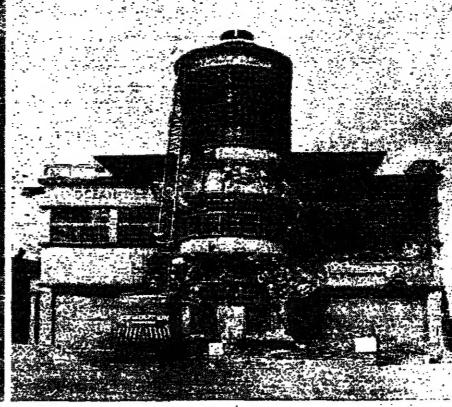
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Last day of a glorious landmark

Age has caught up with the once maginficent dockside terminal at Southampton, seen above left in its heyday with the Queen Mary in dock and, right, yesterday receiving the attentions of a demolition company.

Millions of passengers from the great Cunarders passed through the noted landmark of glass and concrete reception station, which was built at a cost of £750,000 and opened by Mr Clement Atlee in June, 1950. The Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth regularly berthed alongside

But yesterday time caught up with the 1,297ft-long building and a demolition contractor moved in, amid protests by some local

he decision to pull down the building was taken because of the deline in liner traffic. But the Southampton tourist group, made up of a consortium of local hotels and tourist businesses. had criticized the demo-

"There is nothing we can do to stop this destruction of our maritime heritage, but we believe the haste with which it has been done is immoral and unforgivable."

Jenkin offers £200m aid for computer industry

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

up to £200m over the next five years to help the British financed entirely by the the electronics industry develop a Government.

The programment of more of advanced computers. The companies will have to contri-bute £150m if the scheme is to reach the target of £350m recommended by the Alvey Committee last September.

The project for advanced information technology, which Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Industry, announced yesterday, was inspired originally by the well-publicized Japanese effort to develop a "fifth generation" of computers for the 1990s, with "intelligence approaching that of a human being. The Government decided that, without an unprecedented cooperative effort with industry. Britain would fall hopelessly behind Japan and the United States.

The Government's response to Alvey falls short of the committee's proposal that it contribute £250m and industry £150m. The committee recommended that some projects in industry should receive 90 per cent public funding, but Mr Jenkin said that would not secure a sufficient industrial commitment and could lead to the programme becoming div-

orced from industry's needs". Therefore all industrial projects will receive 50 per cent public funding. However, the

The Government is to spend £50m-worth of work carried out depends upon industry making in academic institutions will be its contribution and upon financed entirely by the the programme's technical

Mr Jenkin made clear:"The contribution to the programme

MPs and Whitehall 'technically ignorant' An international conference on

the social effects of modern technology ended in London vesterday with an appeal for more technical understanding from the world's policy Ignorance of science and engineering among politicians

and civil servants made it more difficult to cope with the swift progress of technology, according to the closing statement from the Mantech symposium, organized by the Fellowship of Engineering. British participants added that Whitehall and West-

minster were particularly weak in scientific and technical expertise. Sir Francis Tombs, the

former chairman of the Electricity Council, said that the retirement of Sir James Hamilton from the Department of Education and Science left the Civil Service without a scientist or engineer among 42 permanent secretaries.

The 50 per cent ceiling on the

Government's contribution will disappoint smaller electronics companies, which have lobbied for more generous treatment, arguing that they could not otherwise afford to take part. British subsidiaries of the giant American-owned computer companies will also be disappointed. They are not excluded in principle from the programme, but many will balk at the Government's

We shall require cast iron assurances that the work does not leak overseas", Mr Jenkin

The four priority areas of the Alvey scheme are: Software engineering to give designers of information systems a more efficient way to nerate computer programs; The "man-machine intere", in other words finding

better ways for people to communicate with computers touch, sight and voice; Expert systems, giving computers specialist knowledge about a subject and a program to apply it to a specific task such

as medical diagnosis;

Very large-scale integrated circuits, to create the next

Syrian pressure 'delaying talks'

agreement between Israel and

The arrival of the American Secretary of State has been marked by an increase in tension between Israeli and Syrian troops in Lebanon's eastern Bekan Valley and a vicious anti-American campaign by the Syrian state-con-trolled press.

"It is not true that Shultz is a messenger of peace. It is was so he could have dealt with the crisis while he was in Washington," the government newspaper Tishrin said.

The Syrian press also played up the significance of two minor confrontations with the Israelis in the Bekan Valley, saying Israel was deliberately provoking the tension to coincide with the visit by Mr Shultz.

This is not strange to us. The American State Department has shown us through previous visits to the region by its representatives that every time they make an approach to the area, they carry with them a conspiracy for which the Arabs invariably pay the price in the form of more death and destruction" said Al Boath organ of the ruling Socialist Baath Party in Damascus.

American officials briefing reporters on the plane carrying Mr Shultz to Beirat, blamed what they said was Syrian pressure on Lebanon, backed by the Soviet Union, for the demanding a high price from Lebanon in return for the withdrawal of its forces, including a Syrian-Lebanese defence pact and training of the

Lebanese Army in Syria.

One official was quoted as saying the current obstacles arose when "Syria suddenly and dramatically began in-creasing pressure on Lebanon".

The efficial was also quoted as saying the Soviet Union was encouraging the Syrians to make moves that would limit American influence in

TEL AVIV: The hectic pace of Mir Shultz's shuttle will continue unabated today when he is scheduled to hold his third meeting in less than 48 hours with Mr Begin, Christopher Walker writes. So far it has been unclear to

what extent the American government is prepared to put direct pressure on Israel to soften some of its most regarding security and normalization, but a hint was given by Mr Shultz during an official banquet here on Wednesday In a stern exhortation to his

Israeli hosts, Mr Shultz said that the outstanding issues had been "debated, analysed, pored over, agonized over. Now is the time to resolve them ... there is a time to debate and a time to decide. Now is the time to

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Salvador and Surrey by Foot's Tours

Both Central America and Surrey County Council's rate increases were among the subjects which Mr Michael Foot ever the man for the broad sweep, raised yesterday when a renewed trough of pre-election atmosphere

enveloped the House. Mr Foot is usually more at home with the easy generalities of foreign affairs that with the endless detail of the issues which more directly affect Labour voters.

Speaking yesterday on the morrow of Mr Reagan's important speech on Central America, Mr Foot manifestly wanted us to believe once more the routine left-wing tale, told over the years in connexion with many a troubled corner of the globe, about a reactionary right-wing regime which was backed by the Church and local industrialists and which was extorting from the peasants and denying them land reform. But then, Mr Foot has never

really understood Surrey. The situation in that region was raised during exchanges between him and the Prime Minister concerning the rating

He demanded to know at Prime Minister's question time by how much rates had increased under Mrs Thatcher's Government. "Too much", Mrs Thatcher replied, "especially in Labour-con-trolled authorities". At that reply, Labour backbenchers expressed outrage. Mr Foot rose again, and peered down into a sheet of paper which he placed on the Dispatch Box.

"Rates have increased in general over the country by 75 per cent. How much could they have been reduced if she had not cut the rate support grant", he said, as if to prove that he too has a command of the narrow sweep.

"Rates are highest in Labour-controlled areas", the Prime Minister insisted. Now she, too, reached ominously for a piece of paper. She began to read in a determined monotone. "The 18 largest spenders are the Greater London Council, the Inner London Education Authority. the West Midlands, Greater Manchester, Avon, South-wark, Sheffield, Greenwich, Tyne and Wear ...

It began to look as if we were in for something of the length of English Journey by J. B. Priestley. But a timely cacophony on the Labour overwhelmed

drone of the Prime Minister's itinerary. All we could eventually hear was her voice rising at the end to 2 cry of "Labour loves spending other people's

money".
It was then that Mr Foot made his major geo-political move. "How much have rates increased in Surrey, controlled by the Conservatives," he asked triumphantly Mrs Thatcher hesitated Labour

backbenchers shouted They are much too high in Surrey, she eventually replied Unusually. Mr Foot had hatted a Thatcher offensive. and on, of all subjects, the rates in Surrey. It is likely that Mr Foot would only recognize a set of figures from the Surrey county reasury's department if they came at him disguised as a Nicaraguan revolutionary proclamation. That made his triumph over Mrs Thatcher yesterday all the more remark-

Hastily, she began talking about how on average rates had decreased by 6.5 per cent and that things would have been better but for the GLC and ILEA. But Mr Foot remained on the Opposition froat beach, serene in victory,

Having beaten the Prime Minister in Surrey, he could now open a second front in Central America. When Mr John Biffen, the Leader of the House, arrived at the dispatch box to make the routine Thursday announcement of the business for the coming week. Mr Foot waylaid him with a demand for a statement next week "as to whether the Government was consulted before President Reagan made his speech, whether the Government has done anything to uphold its commitments or allegiance to the charter of the United Nations . . .

Soon we were confronted with a more typical Mr Foot, off again on a nature ramble. All manner of disconnected thoughts began to swirl around beneath that suchloved, white mane

"Has the Government made representations about Nicaragua, El Salvador and er those other countries involved." But we had no doubt that if

necessary he could stall all afternoon, trying our various ideas in his mend, until reasonably plausible ones turned up. Costa Rica? Costa Living? Be it Salvador or Surrey, it is all grist to Mr Foot in humanity's struggle.

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Roads

Today's events

Royal engagements

at Rochester, Uttoxeter, as President of the Institute of the Motor Industry, 11. Princess Alexandra opens the new

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control room at West Sussex County Fire Brigade Headquarters Chichester, 12: opens the Mothers' Unit, funded by Concern for Life, at St Richard's District General

Hospital, Chichester, 1.45: opens the new swimming centre of Arun District Council at Littlehampton. 2.45; attends two receptions in Worthing to celebrate the Golden bilee of Worthing Area Guild for Voluntary Service, arrives Methold House, Gordon Road, 3.45 and then arrives Ashmount, Shelley Road,

New exhibitions Paintings by Venessa Bell, Royal Museum and Art Gallery, High Street, Canterbury: Mon to Sat 10 to

Last chance to see Out Of This World, arts of

> Museum. School Hill, Aberdeen: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 8. Sun 2 to 5 (ends tomorrow).
>
> Experimental Photography. Museum and Art Gallery, 78 George Street, Perth: Mon to Sat 10 to 1 and

2 to 5, closed Sun (ends tomorrow).
Paintings and drawings by
Mostyn Bramley Moore, MacRobert Arts Centre Gallery, Stirling University; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sur 2 to 5 (ends tomorrow).

Work by Jane Boyd, Queen's Gate, Trinity College, Cambridge Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (ends tomorrow). Steam Power: drawings and paintings by Josephine Gausson Whitehead, City Museum, Market Street, Lancaster, Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 3 (ends tomorrow).

A Dig Into the Past exhibition on digs by the Development Corpor-ation Archaeologists, Central ation Archaeologists, Central Library, Milton Keynes: Mon to Wed 9 to 6. Thurs to Fri 9 to 8, St 9 o 5 (ends tomorrow).

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Work by David Hack, Nich
Sheath and Mike Owens, abbey Mill
Gallery, The Broadway, Winchester, Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, er, tues to sai to to 3, sun 2 to 3, closed Mon (ends tomorrow).

Work by John Chapman and Christine McKelvey, Museum and Art Gallery, Library Street, Blackburg, Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6, Sat 9.30 to 5, closed Sun (ends tomorrow). Music

Concert by Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Concert Hall Nottingham, 7.30. Concert by Mladi Ensemble. Mere Parish Church, Wilts. 7.30. Concert by University of Glasgow Orchestra, Concert Hall, Glasgow

Talks, lectures

Plants and People in the Yorkshire Dales, by Dr John Rodwell, Duke's Playhouse, Lan-caster University, 12.35.

Colt Car Amberley Horse Show and Country Fair, Cirencester Park Glos (until May 2).

Anniversaries

Births: John Labbock, 1st Baron Avebury, banker, politician and archaeologist, London, 1834; Sir Thomas Beecham, St Helen's, Lancashire, 1879; Sir Malcolm Sargent, Ashford, Kent, 1895; Duke ington, Washington, 1899. James Montgomery, poet and hymn writer died at Sheffield, 1854.

Today is the Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena. She became a Dominican tertiary and travelled widely, calling for repentance and a renewal of faith. During the last few years of her life Catherine became involved in the conflict between Church and state. She was canonized in 1461 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. Her house can still be seen in Siena.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills: Copyright (Amendment) Bill. report. Coroners' Juries Bill,

Risca and Abertillery, Gwent. M5:
Lane closures between junctions 24
(Minehead) and 26 (Wellington).
Midlands and East Anglia: A47:
Temporary signals at Wisbech,
Cambridgeshire, M1: Lane closures

of pork are between 76p and £1.10 a pound; Tesco have it at 88p, and Waitrose are selling hand of pork at 48p a pound and rolled boueless spare rib at £1.08. Fine Fare pork chops are down from £1.22 to 96p a pound, and fresh chickens are also reduced to 54p a pound.

National day

government is currently headed by Mr Yasuhire Nakasone, who took office last November

The top five in the provinces:

2 Local Hero 3 Raiders of the Lost Ark 4 E.T. 5 An Officer and a Gentleman Supplied by Screen International

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Kramer vs Kramer (RCA/Columbia)
Fort Apache – The Brovox (VTC)
Conan The Barbarian (Thorn EMI)

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and Limehouse. All: Congestion likely between Stratford and Bow. M3: Lane closures between junctions 2 (Strines) and 4 (Frimley). Wales and West: A48: Road works on Haverfordwest to Fish guard road at Wolf's Castle. A467: Roadworks N of Crumlin, between

at junction 16 (Northampton); sliproads closed except exit from southbound carriageway. A5: Road-works on Shrewsbury to Oswestry works on Surewsoury to Cowestry road at Queens Head. North: M6: Lane closures between junctions 25 (A49, Wigan) and 27 (A5209, Wigan/Standish)

Greater Manchester.
A50: Manual traffic control at Lawton crossroads, NW of Kid-sgrove, Cheshire. Al: Roadworks at oroughbridge, N Yorks. Scotland: A90: Lane closures on

Forth Road Bridge. A91: Single lane traffic near Auchtermuchty, Fife. A9: Single iane traffic at Bonar Bridge, Sutherland.

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The Daily Mirror criticizes Mrs Shirley Goodwin and her solicitor for announcing that she will not speak publicly without receiving a five-figure sum. "The Daily Mirror won't offer a penny for (her) story, and we hope no other paper will won't offer a penny for (her) story, and we hope no other paper will either. . . Offering to buy stories of potential witnesses has been a blot on Fleet Street - but what about those who try to sell them?"

Mrs Thatcher this week repeated the Tory pledge to reform the rating system, and not before time, says the Daily Express. "This time she must not let civil servants bamboezle her ministers into thinking nothing can be done - much can be done and must be done."

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Germany DM	3.99	
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Horgkong S	11.13	10.55
Ireland Pt	1.27	1.21
Italy Lira	2355.00	2245.00
Japan Yen	391.08	371:00
Netherlands Gld	4.49	4.27
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South Africa Rd		1.900
Spain Pta		205.00
Sweden Kr	12.22	
Switzerland Fr	3.36	
USA \$	1.62	
Yugoslavia Dur	126.50	119.50

Retail Price Index: 327.9. London: The FT Index closed down 2.2 at 696.8.

Weather Loudon and South-east: A13: A depression will remain slow-

slack area of low pressure will

persist over the British Isles.

6 am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia, Midlands: Fog patches clearing, surmy periods, scattered showers developing, some heavy, perhaps with thunder, wind variable, light or moderate; max temp 15 or 16C (50 to 61F).

Central S, SW England, Channel istends, SWalea: Surmy intervals, showers, heavy and with thunder in places; wind variable, mainly SE, light or moderate, occasionally fresh; max temp 13 to 15C (55 to 59F).

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E, Central N, NE England, Borders; Cloudy, outheraise of rain slowly dying out, clear intervals developing late; wind W, fresh, backing S, moderate; max temp or 10C (48 to 50F).

N Wates, NW England, Lake District: Cloudy, outherals of rain slowly dying out, sunny or clear intervals developing, wind variable, becoming mainly N, moderate may serial ICC (48 to produce the part of the control of 50F). Isle of Man, Argyll, NW Scotte

Northern Ireland: Surmy Intervals, scattered showers; wind Nor NW moderate, locally fresh; max temp 10 or 11C (50 to 52F). Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, perhaps a little drizzle at first, bright or stamy intervels developing; who N or NW, moderate, locally freeh; max tamp 9 to 11C (48 to 52D).

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SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands; Meliny dry, summy periods developing; wind mainty N, light; max temp 10 to 12C (50 to 52F).

Outlook for the weekend: Continuing unsettled with near or rather below normal temperatures; overnight frost and tog in places.

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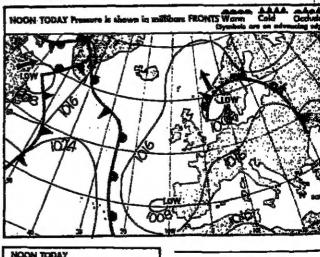
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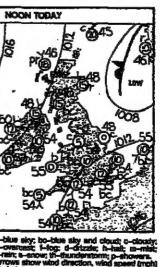
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1 Fish with worm's tail for a spell

4 Perhaps some fire in an inferior

11 Peasant leader in merely

12 Gelatine is where you'd expect

13 Getting money for relatives in

15 Opening speaker looking bored?

18 Was beaten by inferior force,

23 Note form of transport sought

25 Constable, the painter, has

26 Structure of aeroplanes in flight

perhaps (7).

20 Soldier sounds nutty (7).

by knights of old (5).

source of oil (5).

27 Desire transport? (9).

perhaps (9).

a leader (5).

21 Apt clue I'd maybe copy (9).

temporary retirement (5).

9 Like this rogue reformed (9).

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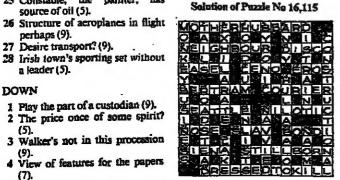
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14 Stationery requirement of the Bank of England (9). Old German title - glad Vera. West translated it (9).

17 Beat up the joiners of course (4-5). 19 Dealings in jam? (7). 20 "And thinner, --, farther going!"

(Tennyson) (7).

22 Angry Hook losing his head (5). 24 Foreigner can spell aright (5).



Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow **CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 10**

5. closed Sun (from today until May Food prices 28).

For those spending the holiday consideration should be how to relieve the burden on the family cook part of the answer could lie in cold lunches, particularly as salad vegetables are becoming cheape and more plentiful. At the top en of the market Harrods have fresh wild salmon at £7.80 a pound and the farmed variety at £5, but a very acceptable substitute is Bejam frozen Pacific salmon for as little as £1.59. Baked in timfoil, it is ideally served with cucumber (25-45p each and either watercress at 22-25n

are probably best value at 20p to 40p each. Superb hothouse tom-atoes are 60-65p a pound and will stay fresh over the holiday; also recommended are Cyprus spring recommended are Cyprus spring crop potatoes at 18-22p a pound. Strawberries from Spain, Italy and Israel are 40-70p for a half pound punnet; passion fruit 12-15p each and lovely lemons at 5-15p. Home-produced lamb is still expensive, although not unreasonable for the time of year. Whole legs of nork are between 76n and £1.10 a

The Japanese today celebrate the birday of Emperor Hirohito, who was born on April 29, 1901. The emperor, who has written nine books on marine biology, succeeded to the throne in 1926. The

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